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Special delivery for family as little Baby Bella enters the world

A Barry grandfather safely supervised the sudden birth and delivery of his own granddaughter, Bella, on Monday, November 26.

At 10.15pm, Richard Mason, who is a director of Masons Moving Group, and his wife Michelle were at home in Barry, and received a text photo from their son Daniel of a pool of water; Daniel's partner Sam was heavily pregnant and her waters had broken.

By midnight, her contractions had started but were still mild.

However, by 4.15am, they had increased in strength and the University Hospital of Wales told her it was time to come in.

Richard and Michelle got the call they had eagerly been waiting for – it was time to take Sam to hospital.

They left the house to pick up Michelle's



Richard Mason with granddaughter Bella.

mother, Lyn Jenkins, who had been lined up to stay with Sam's two younger daughters, Emily and Chelsea.

They arrived at Daniel and Sam's house on Barry Island at 4.45am, dropping off Lynn and ready to go to the hospital with Sam and Daniel.

However, two steps out of the house, Sam froze and announced: "I

think the baby is on her way!"

Michelle replied: "Oh my goodness, Sam, do you really think she is?"

Another contraction was the response. Everyone went back inside the house and Sam sat on the sofa while Richard called for an ambulance.

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Festive Santas take over Barry Island!



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Barry Town Mayor Cllr Janice Charles at the start of the run.

BARRY Town Council's annual Santa Fun Run took place on Sunday, December 2 and this year, there was a 2K 'Doggy Dash' as well.

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'Tunnel is solution to Culverhouse congestion'

IN reply to the letter in The GEM recently by David Evans about congestion at Culverhouse Cross, there is one easy way to relieve some of the congestion, and it is there already.

Underneath Culverhouse Cross is a one mile, 108 yard disused railway tunnel, built by the Barry Railway Company. The northbound

traffic from Barry and the airport could be diverted through the tunnel. The tunnel is only used to house a 60-inch water main pipe for the town of Barry.

There would still be room for a single lane of northbound traffic. The road could join the northbound A4232 just north of the present northbound slip road from Culverhouse Cross before the Drope Road overbridge.

Steve Davies, Cillfynydd.

'Council should sort out Barry'

HOW pathetic are this council in Barry? Is that all they have to think about – how they can get more money out of the the people of Barry?

Charging up to £1 to use toilets is absolutely ridiculous. If it's not charging for people to park outside their house, it's charging to go to the loo.

Take a look at our so called town centre; it's turning into a pit of closed premises. Why is it like that? It's the council's greed with high rates.

Stop giving yourself high pay rises and new leather chairs and sort this town out.

Ian Dowdell, Vale of Glamorgan.

'Room for more Christmas trees'

COWBRIDGE looked at its best for the Reindeer Parade. The Christmas trees put up by householders and shopkeepers looked great.

I understand that that it costs approximately £30 to have a tree put up in the holder at the front of properties; good value, I think.

However, I carried out a brief survey and there are 45 Christmas trees, but 44 empty holders, including The GEM offices.

What a pity that all the holders do not have trees. Imagine the effect of doubling the number of trees in Westgate, High Street and Eastgate.

Shopkeepers, banks and offices – if you have an empty Christmas tree holder, you still have time to put one up.

Christopher Pollard, Cowbridge.

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'Road infrastructure in the Vale is not fit for purpose' says reader

IN response to David Evans' letter in The GEM of November 29, while I share his frustrations over the growing traffic congestion at the Culverhouse Cross interchange, I question his idea of constructing a flyover to solve the problem.

While it might be possible to build an east-west (A48) flyover, I'm unsure what tangible benefit that would have. The problem is that presently all traffic in and out of the Vale wanting to access the M4 via the A4232 has to pass through Culverhouse Cross, whether from the A48 or the A4050.

Mr Evans has identified a better solution in stating that money is already earmarked to build the link road from the A48

at Sycamore Cross to J34 of the M4.

Construction of this much-debated road would negate the need for all motorway traffic to and from the west side of Barry, Rhosce and the airport, St Athan, Llantwit Major and, indeed, Mr Evans' home town of Cowbridge, to go anywhere near Culverhouse Cross.

While the improvements to Five Mile Lane are welcome and long overdue, they alone will do nothing to ease the overall congestion at Culverhouse, since all traffic will still ultimately merge at this pinch-point.

Given that peak-time tailbacks at J33 (Cardiff West) are also getting worse, it would seem obvious that distributing traffic flow across multiple routes is the logical answer and the J34 link road must be constructed as soon as possible.

No doubt the NIMBY's of

Pendoylan will take issue with this, but like it or not, no manner of improvements in public transport, or strategies designed to penalise or deter motorists through higher taxes or emission restrictions, are ever going to have a significant effect on reducing traffic.

The disproportionate volume of housebuilding in the Vale, along with positives such as the arrival of Aston Martin and increasing airport passenger numbers, are not being matched by the development of a road infrastructure that is fit for purpose.

If just half of all motorway traffic to and from the Vale was diverted away from Culverhouse Cross and could go via J34, I'm sure this would be more than enough to have a dramatic impact on reducing peak-time delays.

Ian Walton, Rhosce.

'Dog owners should exercise more caution'

COULD I ask dog owners in Cowbridge to exercise a little consideration when walking their dog through local park areas?

This morning, while walking my six-month-old puppy on her lead in the park behind Waitrose, we came across a Newfoundland and its owner. Off the lead, this lovely, but enormous, dog ran at my puppy, jumping at her and chasing her around me, causing our dog to cry out in fear.

The woman owner clearly had no control as the dog constantly ignored her calls, before she exclaimed:

"She just wants to play."

Try telling that to my terrified puppy.

The Newfoundland then proceeded to harass three other dogs before running away after them, despite the calls from her owner.

If you can't control your dog, keep it on the leash. Telling me that 'she's only playing' is of little consequence to other terrified dogs, or to young children who might well suffer the same encounter.

It's a pity some dog owners display so little consideration for others.

David Lewis, St Mary Church.

'Thank you, St Athan Samaritans'

WE would like to thank all the people who were kind enough to help my mum on Sunday around lunchtime at the corner of Stratford House in St Athan village.

She had a nasty fall and was really shaken up. She said if it wasn't for you, she doesn't know how she would have managed to get up.

As well as tending to her wounds, keeping her warm and all the kind words, she was so grateful to you all.

Again, thank you all so much.

Phyllis Sanderson, Vale of Glamorgan.

'Thank you to all who helped'

MAY I send a big thank you to all who came to my rescue recently when I fell at the Co-op, Llantwit Major, and I landed on the floor.

Special thanks should go to the police officers who escorted me to the Princess of Wales Hospital, to the staff in A&E for their attention and to the taxi driver who took me back to my neighbours, Lynne and Peter.

Mary F, St Athan.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL DECEMBER 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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07 Fri	06.15	9.7	18.35	9.6
08 Sat	06.55	9.7	19.12	9.7
09 Sun	07.31	9.6	19.48	9.5
10 Mon	08.04	9.4	20.22	9.3
11 Tues	08.39	9.2	20.56	9.0
12 Wed	09.15	8.9	21.31	8.7
13 Thur	09.54	8.5	22.10	8.3

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Vale Council and Plaid clash over 'secret' Dinas traffic report

PLAID CYMRU community councillors in Dinas Powys claim a long-awaited report into traffic conditions in the village has been kept secret by the Vale Council.

Heavy congestion in the village has been a hot topic for many years, but the Vale Council told The GEM that the information Plaid wants can be viewed in relevant reports and that further details will be available once they have been presented to the cabinet in line with normal procedure.

Plaid wants to see the full findings of a report by consultants Arcadia and say Conservatives have been quoting selectively from it.

Cllr Chris Franks said: "There has been a flow of press releases from the Conservatives giving a few facts that suit their purposes. However, the full report has not been presented to a council committee or released to the public."

"This tactic is unacceptable. The report into traffic conditions includes comment on the

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option of a bypass.

"The public have a right to see the contents and not simply be fed propaganda. The report was supplied by consultants months ago to the county council. It still has not seen the light of day."

Plaid councillors say they have protested to the council's monitoring officer after a Freedom of Information request for a copy of the report was rejected.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said it had 'signposted' relevant reports for Cllr Franks.

"Updates on the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (Weltag) process for the Dinas Powys transport network have been presented to the council's cabinet and are available to the public through relevant

reports.

"Cllr Franks has been signposted to these reports and advised that further details will be available once such information has been presented to Cabinet, which should be in the near future and is in keeping with normal process."

"This being the case, Cllr Franks' Freedom of Information request can be satisfied by information that is already in the public domain. An appeal against this decision has been received and is currently being considered."

Cllr Thomas said he had met representatives from the village to discuss improving the traffic situation, adding: "I recognise the understandable concerns over the significant congestion in Dinas Powys at certain times of the day."

"It is for this reason that my administration has taken the matter extremely seriously and continues to work with the local community, road users and all other interested parties to progress the case for improvements."

Special delivery

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Sam was so convinced the baby was on her way that Richard stayed on the phone to the ambulance service. They advised him to put Sam on the floor with lots of towels around her.

As everyone was rushing around fetching towels, the baby's head appeared.

Richard remained on the phone taking advice while Daniel and Lynn were poised to deliver the baby.

The baby's shoulders appeared and Richard went from white to grey and white again while relaying further advice from the ambulance service.

Daniel was speechless and Lynn, who said later that she was "knotted up inside", remained calm and ready to deliver the baby.

Baby Bella was delivered minutes later. Grandfather Richard

was still on the phone with the ambulance service who told him to tie a piece of string around the umbilical cord before it was cut.

However, he was unable to find any in the room and instead pulled a lace from his shoe and tied it around the baby's umbilical cord. Minutes later, the paramedics arrived and supervised the cutting of the cord by new father Daniel.

Baby Bella was born at 5.01am on Tuesday, November 27. Both mother and baby are both doing well.

It was the second delivery in the last few weeks as the company's self storage sales and marketing manager, James Mason and his partner Lucy welcomed Oliver James Mason into the world on October 31, a fifth generation of Masons to join the family.

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Sam, Daniel, and baby Bella.

Barry businesses are the tops

AT a time when high streets across the country are under pressure from online retailers, Barry's independent businesses continue to impress customers with their award-winning services.

In the last few days shops in the High Street and Holton Road areas have won awards.

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Cemetery is live on social media

MERTHYR Dyfan cemetery now has its own Facebook and Twitter pages.

A Barry Town Council spokesperson said: "It is hoped that these pages will help the council and its staff to engage with members of the public about what is happening in the town's cemetery, and also provide members of the public with a direct platform to tell us what's good and – what's not so good – and any suggestions for improvements."

"You can find us at: Facebook – Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery; Twitter – @Merthyr_Dyf@n_Cemetery."

The spokesperson added that they looked forward to receiving visitors "…in the future".

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Lloyd's grandmother inspires his headshave for Alzheimer's Society

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Lloyd Morris.

A NINE-year-old boy from Rhoose, whose grandmother suffers from dementia, is having a fundraising head shave.

Lloyd Morris, who attends Rhoose Primary School, will go under the razor at the Freedom Church in Cardiff on Sunday, December 16.

He said: "My grandmother lives in Cowbridge and is suffering from dementia, which is a terrible disease."

"I was thinking of different ways to try and raise some money for the charity and looked at my dad's head, which is bald, and thought that it would be a good idea to shave mine."

"I am a little shy about looking like my

father, but at least it will only be for a few weeks until mine grows. Dad has more of a long-term problem. Any donations from people will be very much appreciated."

Cheryl George, an Alzheimer's Society fundraiser, said: "I am always blown away when young people are so willing to get involved to help to make a difference. Lloyd is doing such a brave and brilliant thing to help people like his grandmother and I am guessing a hat maybe on his Christmas list this year."

Funds raised will go to the Alzheimer's Society.

So far, Lloyd has raised more than £100.

Search on Facebook for more details.

Floral Society's charitable gift



AT the Barry Floral Society coffee morning and floral exhibition, Mrs June Davies presented a cheque to Action for Children Ty Robin, the club's chosen charity for this year.

Carole Braggins

A Christmas concert for choir

DECEMBER 9 at 3pm Barry Community Choir invites Barry residents to shake off the shivers and come into the warmth of a very merry Christmas concert at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry.

There will be carols and songs, traditional and new, with festive food afterwards and a chance to win a Christmas hamper or a raffle prize.

Tickets are £7 and can be purchased in advance via the choir's website, email: info@barrycommunitychoir.com, from choir members or on the door. There is no charge for children 16 and under.

For anyone who would like to sing and enjoy the social and health benefits of belonging to a choir, the members will be back in rehearsals on January 9 - Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Crossway Church hall. AS



Soraya Kelly with Giovanni Malacrino and members of the campaign team.

Rhoose resident launches fundraising charity website

RHOOSE cancer survivor Soraya Kelly has "gone global" with the launch of a website.

Theglivesareon.co.uk will sell a range of goods to raise funds for the Soraya Kelly Foundation, which in turn supports a range of charities.

Soraya beat breast cancer earlier this year and started a campaign highlighting the importance of early detection of the disease.

She only realised she had Grade 3 cancer because her 11-year-old implants pushed out a lump. This would have been missed, had she not had the cosmetic surgery some years

earlier. Many supporters featured in the campaign advertisement, which was first shown at a charity ball and was made by University of South Wales (USW) students with support from the Caron Keating Foundation through the Hunniford family.

USW undergraduates also produced a documentary showing Soraya and her supporters from her initial idea to where the campaign is now.

Soraya said: "My campaign approach has always been about inclusion of all. Cancer shows no prejudice and neither does the campaign." SVJ

The Christmas message at Lavernock church

EXTRA seating was needed last Sunday as the little former Church of St Lawrence at Lavernock filled to overflowing with a congregation eager for a preview of Christmas.

Rev Margaret Stark spoke about the meaning of the festival, and then the story of salvation was told in well-known scripture readings, poetry and carols.

The readers excelled and the singing nearly raised the roof as the congregation sang their hearts out. As usual, Anne Thomas coaxed great

sounds out of the old French harmonium.

The olivewood crib was the focus of the decorations with an additional theme of snow-dusted evergreens and reindeer. All this in the soft glow of candlelight (and the brighter torches held by the members of the congregation).

Many made their way over to the Marconi Inn for mulled wine and mince pies generously supplied by Colin Kitsell. Thanks are due to him and to the working party and to all who, by their joyous participation, made this a carol service to remember.

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Barry woman 'chuffed' to win certificate

A BARRY woman has been given a certificate of excellence in the 'Employee of the Year' category at the national Inclusive Companies Awards 2018.

Sue Vincent-Jones, a communications specialist, was shortlisted for her role in revitalising PRISM the Welsh Government's LGBT-plus staff network.

She was presented with the honour at an awards ceremony held in Manchester on November 15.

She said: "I am absolutely chuffed to bits to receive this certificate. I have absolutely no idea who nominated me but I would like to thank them wholeheartedly."

"Thank you, also, to all of 'Team PRISM', and our wider LGBT family in Wales and beyond for their continued help in fighting to make a difference. I really could not have done it without them."

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Sue Vincent-Jones.

Puzzling theft makes monkeys out of eco group



The hole where the tree was planted. Volunteers are looking in to it.

A MONKEY puzzle tree a species native to Chile, which was planted by Barry Action for Nature in the Knap Gardens to mark their first tree planting activity last month has been reported stolen.

The co-ordinator of the group, Rob Curtis, told The GEM: "We are really sad, annoyed, and frustrated by the theft of our monkey puzzle tree that volunteers planted last month on the entrance to Knap Gardens."

"I had grown and looked after the tree for five years and thought it would be nice to donate it to allow everyone a chance to enjoy this unusual species of tree."

AS

'Education has a key role in preventing suicide rates'

LOCAL Gobaith Cymru campaigner Rachel Degaetano is backing a call for compulsory mental health education to tackle the suicide rates of young people.

The Barry mother, still struggling from the loss of her son Chae, was interviewed on BBC Wales about her support for the Samaritans Cymru campaign for compulsory mental health education and how it may have helped Chae.

Rachel, who lost her 21-year-old son in April 2015, also spoke of her fundraising for a suicide support centre in Barry.

Gobaith Cymru's support from Barry has led to a partnership with the Jacob Abraham Foundation (JAF), soon to be renamed Suicide Support Cymru.

It has a suicide support centre in Cardiff set up by Jacob's mother Nicola after the 24-year-old killed himself in October 2015.

Working together, Gobaith Cymru hopes to replicate JAF's work to help prevent suicide through direct intervention with vulnerable people; raise awareness on mental health and/or suicide issues; promote positive

mental health, and support people bereaved through suicide in Barry and the Vale.

Rachel said meeting Nicola "changed her life" as it gave her the direction she needed, the experience of how to get there, a charity to work with – and a bond with another mother devastated by the loss of a son.

From this platform, the charity has gone from strength to strength with numerous fundraisers. It has been named the Colcot Arms' 'Charity of the Year', and has secured premises.

Rachel said: "I want to thank Nicola for her help. Over the next year, we intend to fill in numerous grant applications, set up events, hold coffee mornings and pub quizzes, run marathons, climb mountains and jump out of planes."

"We are asking local people to sponsor and donate throughout the year, but mostly we ask for your support. We were too late for our children. Please support us to support the young adults of our community."

"We intend to do all that we can to help save lives and ensure another family doesn't have to endure the devastation that losing a loved one to suicide causes."

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School has visit from Techniquet

LAST week, Techniquet's Air-mazing show flew into Albert Primary School.

It was 'air-mazing' how they used a vacuum cleaner to hold a six-kilogram bowling ball. It was funny when one of the men showed us how to make a fire in the other person's hand and hold it for a second. In a flick of his hands, the fire was gone. He obviously advised us not to do it at home.

Next, they showed us the aerodynamics of an aeroplane by blowing on top of a roll of toilet tissue. It was incredible when they got a leaf blower and started blowing the toilet tissue all over everyone.

The whole school had an Air-mazing time and we would like to thank Techniquet for visiting us.

Seren Dalton (9) and Jack Pugh (9), Albert Primary School media monitors.

Two awards for head-shave carer Sian

A NURSING assistant who shaved off her hair to raise money to buy a hydrobath for residents in her care won two awards at a recent care industry awards ceremony.

Sian Kedward, who has worked at College Fields Nursing Home in Barry since 1999, received the gold award in the 'Dignity in Care' category at the Onyx Healthcare Wales Care Awards, sponsored by the Welsh Government.

Sian, who also won the bronze award in the Cardiff and Vale College Commitment to Training and Workforce Development category, said: "I knew I was nominated for the training award, but the



Sian Kedward was a double award winner at the Wales Care Awards.

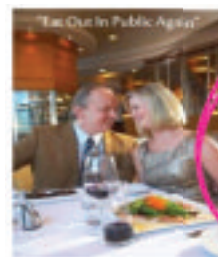
Dignity in Care award attending the ceremony until August, just after she had shaved her hair, which raised more than £1,000 for a hydrobath for the residents.

Sian said that she did not realise she would be

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Barry lottery winner spreads Christmas joy with nostalgic party



National Lottery winner Matt Evans with some of the With Music In Mind members.

NATIONAL Lottery millionaires from across south Wales and the south west of England have joined forces to host a Rat Pack-inspired Christmas

party for an older people's music group based in the Vale.

With a combined wealth of over £24 million, the lottery winners, including Matt Evans from Barry, took the group members

from With Music In Mind on a trip down Memory Lane and gave up their time to throw a swing music afternoon at Cowbridge's Bear Hotel.

The party included a Rat Pack-themed band with winners on hand to jazz up the venue, serve food and drinks, chat with guests, and even lend their best singing voices to join in renditions of Rat Pack classics.

With Music In Mind runs singing groups for people aged 50 and over at risk of social isolation, loneliness or worsening physical or mental wellbeing and has previously received National Lottery funding.

The groups are run weekly, led by a musical director and involve singing and socialising. The charity runs four groups in the Vale; Cowbridge, Barry, St Athan and Llantwit Major.

Matt Evans, who won £2.6m in July 2015, was keen to get involved with the Christmas festivities, and said: "Throughout the year, I really enjoy giving my time to projects that benefit local communities, and so I jumped at the chance to be involved in hosting a Christmas party for this great group."

"It's clear just how much enjoyment the members of With Music In Mind get from their sessions, and it was a joy to be able to chat with them and join in with a few renditions of the Christmas classics – although I think they put us winners to shame

with their fabulous singing!"

Sarah Miles, managing director of With Music In Mind, said: "Our mission is to provide a service for those most vulnerable people who can easily slip through the net, or those who want to access a supportive, fun, integrative group with benefits for their wellbeing."

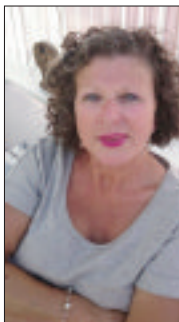
"We don't often have a lot of money left over for extra treats such as a Christmas party, and so we're extremely grateful to the National Lottery winners for treating us to such a wonderful afternoon."

Since 2016, With Music In Mind, which formed the previous year, has received over £100,000 of National Lottery funding from the Big Lottery Fund to hold singing sessions for isolated, older people, as well as those living with conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, epilepsy, mental health issues and dementia.

Any funds raised go directly into service provision for the local community and more than 20 National Lottery winners have been involved in donating their time to host the Christmas get-together for the singing groups.

Winners helping spread some nostalgic Christmas joy included members of The Catering Girls syndicate from Neath Port Talbot Hospital, who scooped over £25 million between them on EuroMillions in November 2017.

Everest trip is tribute to much-loved ward sister



Sian Rees was a ward sister at the University Hospital of Wales.



Rhys Aherne.



Alex Scott with his daughter Ava.

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Police appeal for information on burglary

POLICE are appealing for information after a burglary in Court Road, Barry, where high-value watches were stolen.

The burglary took place sometime between 8.15am and 3.45pm on Wednesday, November 27.

Items stolen include two limited edition Rolex watches and a TAG Heuer F1 limited edition watch.

Anyone who may have seen someone acting suspiciously in the area or who has any information can call police on 101 quoting reference 1800450164 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said: "Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary."

"Here are a few tips to consider:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden, remembering to double-lock UPVC doors.
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox – a device

could be used to hook keys through the letterbox.

- Install a visual burglar alarm – and use it.
- Install good outside lighting.

- Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.

- Ensure rear fencing is in good repair.
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges.

- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows.
- Store any high value items, such as jewellery, in a properly secured safe or bank vault.

TWO men are going on a fundraising trip to Everest in memory of a "much-loved" Llantwit Major woman who worked at the neo-natal unit at the University Hospital of Wales.

Sian Rees was a ward sister who died aged 59 from cancer early last year.

Rhys Aherne and his friend Alex Scott have decided to trek to Everest base camp as a tribute to Sian and to raise funds for SCIPS – the Special Care Infant Parent Support Group.

Mr Aherne lives in Maidenhead and Mr Scott in Derby, but both men grew up in Llantwit Major.

Mr Aherne, father to Isabelle and Emilia, said: "Sian was close friend of my parents. She was my godmother and like a second mother to me and my sister Kelly."

"She was much-loved and an incredibly kind person who worked at the University Hospital of Wales and always put the ward and the babies in it before everything else."

"This is our way of raising money for a charity that Sian was very passionate about. We hope we can help in a fraction of the way she

did. SCIPS helps little ones – very little ones – and their parents when they need it most."

The two men leave the UK on January 30, 2019.

Mr Scott, a father to three-year-old daughter Ava, said: "We fly first to India. From there we fly to Nepal and then it's a flight nearer to Everest. We then have 150km round trip to base camp and back."

The two men have been busy preparing vital clothing and supplies.

Mr Scott said: "We will stop for the night at tea houses, but they are unheated, and will be in the minus temperatures."

"We'd like to try Everest, but that is out of our range; base camp is manageable."

The two men will carry their own gear, but many people who make the trip to Everest base camp use porters.

As they head to the base of the roof of the world they will climb rugged mountainous paths in the mountains, cross rope bridges and trek past ancient temples and shrines.

For more information, search on: uk.virgin money giving.com or 'Rhys and Alex trek to Everest'.

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Barry Waterfront developers to be 'cracked down on' by Vale Council

ENFORCEMENT action giving the Vale Council the power to stop construction and occupation of homes in areas of Barry Waterfront has been approved.

The council's planning committee has given authority to officers to issue a breach of condition enforcement notice and a stop notice to the developers of Barry Waterfront.

The notices give the council the power to require either a halt to the occupation of certain units within the development or a halt to the construction of certain elements of the development until the district centre, or elements of it, are delivered.

Authorisation has also been given to begin legal action if the notices are not complied with.

A temporary 28 day stop notice had already been issued to the consortium of developers ahead of the meeting preventing the sale of any new homes, but more permanent action can now be taken.

The council says it has taken action following repeated delays to construction of the district centre of shops and restaurants originally due for completion in September 2017.

It means the council will have the power to halt the occupation of market-price homes within the South Quay Parkside area of Barry Waterfront, until all the restaurants and cafe units planned in the district centre area of the development are delivered.

The council will also be able to tell the developers to stop construction of market-price homes of the next phase

of the South Quay Waterside development, which includes plans for 171 properties.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for planning and regeneration said: "It is not acceptable for the developers to show such scant regard to their obligations."

"Barry Waterfront is now a thriving community and we want to see its development continue in this vein. This means delivering the scheme that was agreed at the outset, not simply one part of it."

"To hold the developers to this, the council's planning team has already issued the Waterfront Development Consortium with a temporary 28 day stop notice. This means they could be prosecuted if they enable the further occupation of the affected properties during this time."

"The stop notice will prohibit further occupation until we are satisfied that they are working to meet their obligations under the planning permission they were granted, and deliver the district centre."

The wider redevelopment plans for Barry Waterfront include 2,000 new homes, waterfront cafes, bars and restaurants, large retail units, offices, a hotel, primary school and a hotel.

The consortium of developers, Taylor Wimpey, Barratt and Persimmon, said: "The consortium has met with the Vale Council to discuss the delay to the delivery of the district centre and we are working positively to address matters as soon as possible."

Matt Discombe,
local democracy reporter

Soroptimists' donation helps children during hospital stays

BARRY and District Soroptimist Club were delighted to donate £1,000 to LATCH, the charity which helps children and their families at the oncology unit of the University Hospital, Cardiff.

A small group of members spent the morning with Stephen Price, hearing all about the work of LATCH and toured the family unit, which provides rooms for parents and families who travel long distances, so that families can stay close to the children at a critical time in their lives.

They were also told of the need to support the whole family both financially and emotionally throughout the treatment process.

It was particularly poignant for the Soroptimists as most of the money was raised at the funeral of one of their long-serving members, Maywin Thomas, and donated to the club.

They decided that as she had been a teacher who loved children it should go to a



Pictured (left to right): Viv Liles, Jackie Memory, Mary Edmunds, Soroptimist president Mary Tornabene and Stephen Price of LATCH, Iris Hopkins, Katrin Thomas, Sian Howell and Delor Rogers.

children's charity, and chose LATCH. Maywin's daughter Katrin accompanied them on the visit and they all agreed on the idea of using the donation to buy three iPads for the children.

Children undergoing

treatment can feel very isolated and providing iPads helps them carry on with school work and stay in touch with friends and family during their treatment. They are also used to communicate with doctors and nurses, ask

questions about their treatment, prepare for radiotherapy, relieve boredom and help to de-stress what is a very scary experience.

For more information on LATCH, visit www.latchwales.org.

To learn more about Soroptimists and the work they do in the community, see facebook www.facebook.com/Isi_barry or visit <https://sigbi.org/barry-and-district/>.

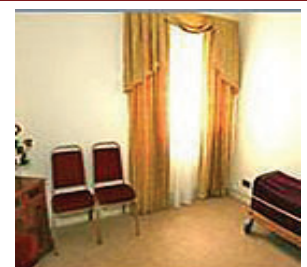
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Peace and hope for Christmas and the New Year in the Vale

AS we move into the festive season, there are many events which bring hope and optimism in these very uncertain times.

I sang my first carol at St David's Methodist Church following an inspirational speech by Sue McClellan of the organisation Embrace, about their work in the Middle East, helping disadvantaged people look forward to a future where peace and justice are possible.

We heard how Embrace put their faith into action to tackle poverty, improve health and advocate for people's rights every day of the year.

There is so much evidence of care and compassion in our community in the Vale and I was impressed by my recent visit to the FAN (Friends and Neighbours) group meeting set up by volunteer Caroline Dodds.

I look forward to the Christmas party organised by Gay Fifield's Friends and Neighbours group based at the Age Connect Shop in Holton Road where I am also holding a surgery on Friday, December 14 from 10am to 11 am.

My annual Christmas

party for our Syrian families living in Barry will provide another opportunity for us to learn more about their lives and support them in every way we can, as part of our community here in Barry.

Croeso Llantwit will also be welcoming a Syrian refugee family to Llantwit Major in the near future and their recent fundraising event raised over £500 towards this important goal.

We are blessed and enriched by the diversity of our communities and I strongly support Wales becoming a Nation of Sanctuary with every city and town playing their part.

This will benefit our young people as we welcome their election to the new Welsh Youth Parliament with 500 young people (11-18 year olds) putting themselves forward for the 40 seats available, including 10 from the Vale. I know they will speak up and reflect the voices of young people across Wales.

Speaking at prize giving evening at St Richard Gwyn RC School last week provided me with the opportunity to talk about centenary events with the commemoration of the Armistice in 1918.

I thanked those pupils who read 'On Flanders Field' at Barry Cemetery at the schools service on

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by VALE AM JANE HUTT

November 9, remembering the thousand men from Barry who lost their lives in the First World War.

The Romilly Primary School concert supported by Barry Male Voice Choir was also a memorable event last year, with residents from Cartref Porthcari enjoying the communal singing.

I am so proud of our schools in the Vale and the wider role they play in supporting our young people, as I learnt by visiting the new Learning and Wellbeing Hub at Pencoedre High School, led by Angie Horner.

On a visit with the trade union Unison, to celebrate the work of school support staff, the 'stars in our schools,' I met the team led by Angie who work with

pupils and their families who need support at times in their lives which cannot always be provided in the classroom – a wholly caring and positive initiative which has hugely beneficial impacts on a child's life.

There was much to be positive about as the Assembly voted on the Welsh Government's draft Budget this week.

There is a further funding package for local government including an additional £13m for local government revenue and a further £7.5m to support the teachers pay award, a £2.3m for children's social services to help prevent children from being taken into care and an extra £30m for 'capital' to help meet the costs of our local authority estate – schools, roads and public services.

On Small Business Saturday, I visited businesses in Cowbridge and Barry to congratulate them on their hard work and innovation, and was able to tell them about the £26m announced by Mark Drakeford as part of the Labour Welsh Government Budget.

An extra £4m to meet social care pressures this year will also be welcome, bringing the extra funding for social care to £14m this autumn.

We care for the vulnerable and those in need and so support for the Vale Foodbank and the Big Wrap is strong, as I saw in Tesco last weekend, as people donated from their shopping trolleys.

It is salutary to read the Trussell Trust report who run the Foodbanks: Between April 1 and September 30 this year in the Vale, 1,584 three day emergency supplies were given to local people in crisis, with 554 going to children.

We hope there will be significant changes to the Universal Credit (UC) before it is fully rolled out in the Vale and hope the message of the UN Rapporteur Professor Philip Alston will be heeded by the UK Government when he reported that he found elements of the UC scheme 'problematic' and 'harsh and unnecessary,' with austerity having a disproportionately negative impact on women and single parents.

As I enter my 20th year as your Assembly Member, I continue to be grateful to all my constituents who give me their views, meeting me in the street or at surgery and raise issues and needs which I always seek to address.

Seasons greetings and thank you for your support.

Bringing the beauty to caring carers

AS part of its ongoing partnership with terminal illness charity Marie Curie, Superdrug invited Procter & Gamble to join in activities designed to care for carers recently.

The event was held at the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth to give all those who care for people living with a terminal illness a chance to take a break, as part of the charity's #thebeautyincaring campaign.

From nurses and hospice staff, to family members and friends, the unsung heroes who put all their efforts and energy into looking after others were treated to a special day.

During the event, Superdrug colleagues provided beauty and pampering services such as manicures, and volunteers offered relaxing massages. They also received a gift filled with health and beauty products donated by P&G and Superdrug.

Staff and volunteers from the Bridgeman Road hospice gave carers the chance to have some 'me time' while learning about how Marie Curie can support them in their caring role.

Sandra Clode, from Cardiff, who cares for her mother, received support from Marie Curie at the carers event.

Sandra said: "Since mum's terminal diagnosis, I have been her full-time carer. I love spending time with her and having this chance to make special memories together, but it can be exhausting, emotionally and physically, at times. It was really nice to have some down time at the event – I can't remember the last time I had my nails done!"



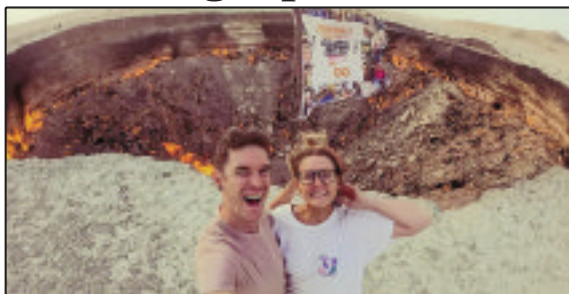
Carers Sandra Clode and Elizabeth Gelsei are pampered at the event.

The event was held as part of Superdrug's ongoing partnership with the charity which has raised almost £5 million pounds for Marie Curie through fundraising activities with customers, suppliers and colleagues. Sarah Lloyd-Davies at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, Penarth, said: "For many people, looking after a terminally ill partner, family member or friend at home is 'just something they do'. Often, they don't think of themselves as the person's carer.

"Recognising you're a carer can help you access the support and financial help you need. Each caring role is different and it can be both challenging and rewarding, so it's important carers take the time to care for themselves too."

The activity coincided with Self Care Week (November 12-18), the annual national awareness week that focuses on highlighting support for self-care across communities, families and generations. If you are caring for someone and need support, call the free Marie Curie Support Line on 0800 090 2309 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk.

Kinging-It team hosts Mongol premiere



Craig and Aimee at the Darvaza gas crater in Turkmenistan. It started leaking four years ago and scientists thought the best way of dealing with it was to set it alight – it's still on fire now.

BARRY travellers and fundraisers Aimee Bannister and Craig Holmes are hosting a charity premiere of their Mongol Rally documentary.

Earlier this year Aimee, Craig, and friends Jessica Berg and William Webb took on the daunting 12,000-mile rally in a 1.2 litre Fiat Panda.

They visited 20 countries, starting in Prague on July 16 and finishing in Ulan-Ude in eastern Russia on September 10.

The trip was to celebrate Aimee's 10-year 'all clear' from

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cancer and to raise funds for the cancer cause CLIC Sargent and Bigmoose, a non-profit organisation inspiring people to live healthier lives.

Craig and Aimee are well known on YouTube as the Kinging-It team – they've put up dozens of travel videos from around the world and have over 25,000

subscribers.

The Mongol Rally trip has raised £5,000 so far, but they hope to raise more at the premiere. Craig said: "Kinging-It's premiere of the Mongol Rally airs at Bigmoose Coffee Co in Cardiff on December 15 at 7pm.

"The journey was the most emotionally charged, incredible challenge we have ever accepted."

Aimee said: "It's the best video we have ever made. I've never cried so many tears of joy and distress in my life!"

Proceeds from the night go to CLIC Sargent and Bigmoose. Tickets are available at www.kinging-it.com/shop or £5 on the door.

Council's warning as section of Five Mile Lane is to be closed

THE Vale Council has warned that a short section of Five Mile Lane will close for 12 weeks, starting in early January.

A council spokesperson said that work was progressing well, with the road on schedule to open next summer.

He said: "As the project continues, approximately half a mile of the current road will need to be closed in a northbound direction only between Weycock Roundabout and the Welsh Hawking Centre for a period of 12 weeks from January 7.

"A fully-signed diversion route will be in place during the period of the closure and the travelling public will be kept fully informed of the situation.

"Southbound traffic along Five Mile Lane (A4226) will be unaffected by this

closure."

Preparatory works for the £25 million scheme, including some land clearance, began in early 2018 and the site compound from which the scheme will be managed was put in place in March.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "Once completed, this project will have a big impact not just on motorists who use the route, but also on the local business community. The upgraded road will also bring improved public transport options and a safe cycling route.

"There will be some disruption while this essential work is carried out, with a section of the current road needing to be shut for a period. We will endeavour to keep this to a minimum and would ask motorists to plan ahead and for their patience and understanding during this period."

Incinerator decision 'overdue' says AM

THE Welsh Government must announce their "overdue" decision on the incinerator at Barry Docks, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

In a letter to Mr Davies, First Minister Carwyn Jones claimed he "anticipated" a decision whether an Environmental Impact Assessment should be carried out on the plant would be made by the end of November 2018.

It followed a statement in March by Minister for the Environment Hannah Blythyn in which she said she was "minded to" insist on an EIA as part of the latest planning application on the site.

Mr Davies, who initially praised the Welsh Government for their stance on the EIA, said the situation has gone on far too long and has

called for an immediate decision.

He has submitted a Written Assembly Question to the First Minister and has asked the First Minister to confirm if a decision has been taken.

In a separate question to Ms Blythyn, he has asked her to confirm the outcome of her decision.

Mr Davies said: "It is now getting to a stage where this decision is dragging on and on, and that is unacceptable for local residents.

"The Minister rightly took credit when she confirmed she was minded to insist on an EIA being carried out but eight months down the line, we still don't know if this will happen.

"The First Minister provided a deadline of the end of November and this has now passed. The Welsh Government must be proactive, keep their promises and deliver a decision as soon as possible."

What's on - news in brief

Penarth Computer Club
PENARTH Computer club meets at 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth on December 11.

Topic: end of year general quiz evening with chips. Visitors welcome.

Free craft workshops in Penarth

PENARTH Town Council is running free family Christmas craft workshops on Saturday, December 8 and Saturday, December 15 (1pm to 5pm) to make sustainable, eco-friendly decorations.

The workshops take place at West House Community Garden, Stanwell Road, Penarth.

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Milking: a good story for all of us



Abi Reader of Goldsland Farm talking with Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns MP and PM May at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Winter Fair.

COWSONTOUR is a voluntary initiative, originally set up by farmers in Glamorgan, for the purpose of telling the farming story.

We take, from the farmyard to the school yard, produce, animals, tractors, as well as ourselves. Sometimes these are big full day events involving up to 20 farmers and we have previously been to schools in London, Cardiff and Newport.

In 2019, CowsOnTour is doing a roadshow around Wales from May 13-19 and we were at the Winter Fair at the Royal Welsh

Showground to recruit farmers and businesses in Wales to join us on the tour.

Thanks to the support of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society and Alun Cairns, Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP, we were given the opportunity to speak not only to Prime Minister May, but also Her Royal Highness Countess of Wessex.

Anyone who would like to join our roadshow or offer sponsorship can email cowsontourfarmers@gmail.com or see our Facebook Page CowsOnTour.

Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe

Barry pupils skate in Disney on Ice



Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupils will take to the ice on December 16.

FOUR pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg will take to the ice on December 16 as part of the *World of Disney and the Descendants* cast, skating as some of the famous Disney characters.

Harriet Wells, Lily Chandler, Mollie-Mai, and Emily Eveleigh from years 7 and 8 at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg have been chosen through auditions to perform in the show at the Viola Arena.

Harriet, who will perform the part of

Snow White, was British champion under 12 years old in dance ice skating last year.

Harriet said: "This show has given my confidence a boost. I've also met some new friends on the ice, as well as grown closer to the other girls from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg as we have a shared love of skating."

Mollie-Mai, who won the Lee Valley National Ice Skating competition this year, will be playing the part of Bashful, with Lily Chandler beside her as Sneezy, also from *Snow White*. Emily will be one of the sisters of Ariel from *The Little Mermaid*. AS

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Legal advice
AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on Tuesday, December 11.

This will be held at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed; you will be able to chat to a local legal team on Wills, Power of Attorney and Living Wills. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

PACT meetings in the Vale

GIBBONSDOWN 'Cuppa with a Copper' is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

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There will be a coffee and chat at the Star Inn, **TREOES** on Thursday, December 6 at 11am.

There will be a Cuppa with a Copper at The **YMCA HUB**, Court Road, Barry on Wednesday, December

12 between 2pm and 3.30pm.

A police surgery will be held at **LLANTWIT MAJOR** Library on Tuesday, December 18 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

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Cardiff and Vale NHS reports 76 'serious incidents' in two months

THE unexpected deaths of 11 patients known to mental health services are among 76 serious incidents Cardiff and Vale NHS has reported to Welsh Government.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board said it is thought the coroner is likely to conclude suicide in three of the patients' deaths, while the circumstances for the deaths of the remaining eight patients are not yet confirmed.

Their deaths were among 76 serious incidents the health board reported to Welsh Government in September and October.

A total of 47 serious incidents related to pressure ulcers across several services and departments of the hospital board.

Work has been done with district nurses to improve the reporting of pressure damage (damage to the skin and underlying tissue) in community care

settings, which is contributing to the number of related serious incidents being reported, a health board report stated.

The health board reported eight falls where patients suffered significant injuries.

A patient had an incorrect lens inserted during an ophthalmology procedure on their eye. The procedure was being managed by an external provider commissioned by the health board. This incident is now being treated as a 'never event' - classed as a serious, largely preventable and should not have happened.

In another incident reported to Welsh Government, a patient was discharged from a ward and unexpectedly re-admitted five days later. He died following his readmission.

An incident of "significant" self-harm to a patient who required admission to acute services to tend to her physical wellbeing, before transfer to Hafan Y

Coed mental health unit, was also reported to Welsh Government.

Cardiff and Vale University Health

Board reports all serious incidents to Welsh Government, the public and to its board members. Welsh Government guidance also requires the health board to report unexpected deaths of patients who are known to mental health services and die unexpectedly or experience serious harm in a community setting.

A health board spokeswoman said: "All incidents are fully investigated and appropriate actions are taken to reduce the risk of recurrence in the future. This enables clinical boards and the corporate teams to identify areas of good practice, but also to identify emerging trends and issues that require action in order to improve safety and quality of services."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

Hospital 'no shows' total 85,000 in a year

NHS services in Cardiff and the Vale are counting the cost of patients not turning up for appointments after 85,000 no-shows in just a year.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board reported that 23,000 new non-emergency hospital outpatient appointments in the 12 months leading to October did not go ahead because the patient did not attend; 10.1 per cent of appointments did not go ahead.

In that same period, 62,000 follow-up outpatient appointments were no-shows - 11.5 per cent of all follow-ups scheduled by the health board.

In total, almost 300,000 outpatient appointments were missed in NHS

hospitals across Wales in 2016-17. Health boards claim this costs the Welsh NHS £36 million, but this was questioned because outpatient clinics can sometimes be overbooked.

The health board said that missed appointments put a strain on staff and could lead to increased waiting times.

A spokesman for Cardiff and Vale Health Board said: "The impact to the health board of missed appointments is considerable. Each missed appointment has a degree of waste associated with it, with an estimated financial cost of an average of £160 per appointment."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

Edwards Holidays wins travel award

EDWARDS Holidays has won silver in the 2018 British Travel Awards, it was announced on November 28 at a ceremony in London attended by more than 800 people from the travel industry.

The British Travel Awards are the largest consumer voted awards in the travel industry with 300,000 travellers casting their vote this year.

Managing director, Jason Edwards said: "I cannot emphasise how proud I am of the team and how grateful we are

to our brilliant customers for voting. This kind of recognition is particularly special as we are primarily based in south Wales and these awards span the whole of Britain."

British Travel Awards' chief executive Lorraine Barnes Burton said: "Edwards is to be congratulated on winning the silver award. The British Travel Awards are the only travel industry accolade voted for exclusively by the consumer, and the awards serve to recognise all that is great about travel, as experienced by the travelling public. To win a British Travel Award is a true achievement."

Penarth registrar's 'outstation' to close

A DEATH registration service will commence at the University Hospital Llandough (UHL) in January, and the registrar's outstation in Penarth will close.

Run jointly by the Vale Council and the University Health Board the new registrar's office will be located adjacent to the existing

Bereavement Service on the first floor at UHL.

The service will allow bereaved families to register a death at UHL once they have collected the death certificate.

The registrar's outstation operating at Westhouse, Penarth will be closed as a result. This office is the only remaining outstation in operation.

The main Registrar's Office based at the Civic Offices will continue to provide a registration

service should families prefer to use it.

The service will launch initially as a pilot and feedback will be collected from service users through satisfaction surveys during the pilot period to ensure it is benefiting bereaved families.

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Llantwit Major dental practice raises funds and awareness during Mouth Cancer Action Month

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In November, Wyndham House hosted a charity day to raise funds and awareness for this life-altering disease.

Although the day was wet and dismal, it didn't stop the dentists, nurses and reception staff handing out more than 50 goodie bags, carrying out a large number of soft tissue checks and raising £441 for the Mouth Cancer Action fund.

Simon Hill took to the stocks and even though the sun peeped through, it didn't help to keep him dry as visitors to the practice took aim (most with great accuracy) and donated to the charity for the privilege.

Local businesses were very generous in donating raffle prizes and the support from

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Dr Nigel Carter, chief executive of the Oral Health Foundation, said: "Mouth cancer has a devastating effect on a person's life, it impacts areas many of us take for granted such as the ability to eat, drink or even speak.

"Cases of the disease are rapidly rising and dental teams play a pivotal role in raising awareness of the disease and getting patients to understand the risks, signs and symptoms of the disease.

"Survival rates for those with mouth cancer have not improved in the last two decades and initiatives like the charity day at Wyndham House Dental Practice can make a real difference."

Anyone wanting any further information should contact Wyndham House Dental Practice, Llantwit Major on 01446 795240 or email on mail@wyndhamhouse dental.com. You can also follow the Practice on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



ABOVE LEFT: The mayor of Llantwit Major and Simon Hill enjoy some fun in the stocks, while ABOVE RIGHT: The Wyndham House dental team.

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Creed II punches intelligently and delivers a knockout blow to audiences

ARGUABLY one of cinema's most beloved characters, Rocky Balboa has undergone a 21st century renaissance, firstly in the eponymous 2006 film and then, in a supporting role, in 2015's *Creed*, which saw

the torch passed from Sylvester Stallone's character to Adonis Creed (Michael B Jordan), son of former opponent and friend, the late Apollo.

That film's success made a sequel a formality, and *Creed II* now punches its way into cinemas. Having won the world heavyweight title, Adonis finds himself accepting a challenge from Viktor Drago (Florian Munteanu), the son of Ivan (Dolph Lundgren) – the fighter who killed his father.

Creed is met with resistance by those around him, including Rocky (Stallone) and his partner Bianca (Tessa Thompson), but does he have what it takes to win and lay ghosts to rest?

Creed was a film that breathed new life into the boxing movie genre, not so much reinventing the wheel, but giving it a spit and polish and trying to ground things as much as possible.

With that film's director Ryan Coogler moving on (having helmed a small, independent production called *Black Panther*), the director's chair is now filled by Steven

Caple Jr.

In his hands, he has carved a film that is emotionally powerful, thoroughly compelling and, quite possibly, outstrips the first film, the weight of the narrative and its resonance throughout giving the film a depth that is wholly engaging.

While this is a boxing film, there is something almost Shakespearean about the way it focuses on the paternal relationships within it, whether absent (Adonis' late father casting a shadow over him), symbolic (the relationship between Adonis and Rocky) or driven by the sins and mistakes of the past (Ivan and Viktor).

This is where the meat of the film is, and where the story really cuts to the quick. Plot-wise it plays with an air of predictability, but when these themes are attached to that

framework, it lends it far more impact, and you can give the slightly by-the-numbers plotting when it sketches such powerful characters and their relationships.

Michael B Jordan is showing no signs of losing momentum and here we see the cocksure, yet driven, character from the first film in uncharted waters, pushed to the brink physically and mentally, while his life outside the ring grows and develops. Jordan is superb here, and really nails the turns of the character.

Tessa Thompson is solid, sidelined due to the overarching plot and the amount of testosterone on display, while Stallone, who can most likely do Rocky in his sleep, again delivers a strong turn, one that is laced with poignancy and emotion.

Perhaps most surprising is Dolph

Lundgren's performance. Given his career has been built on action performances where character and nuance tends to take a back seat, arguable Lundgren's maturing has afforded him more options to stretch his acting muscles.

Along with the history of the character of Ivan, Lundgren perfectly portrays a man whose life as he knew it was more or less ended by Balboa in that fight 33 years ago and much like Stallone, there's a grizzled poignancy to his turn, while Florian Munteanu offers a strong physical turn, if somewhat under-developed.

Caple Jr's direction knows how to play the right notes at the right time and much like Coogler's work in the first film, brings enough smarts to the table to know what to do and what not to do.

He places as much, if

not more stock, in the lives of the characters as he does boxing element, which means you're engaged throughout, while the climactic in-ring confrontation bristles with a visceral energy and does a superb job in building tension and excitement in equal measure.

Somewhat weak plotting aside, this is a thrilling and captivating piece of work, one that has more depth than you might expect – *Creed II*, it's safe to say, offers a knockout blow.

VERDICT: A wonderful effort, *Creed II* will have you on the edge of your seat and emotionally engaged from the get-go. Strong performances across the board and Steven Caple Jr's well-handled direction make this a thrilling cinematic experience. *Highly recommended.*

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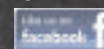
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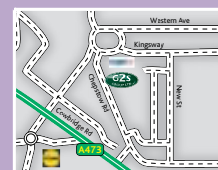
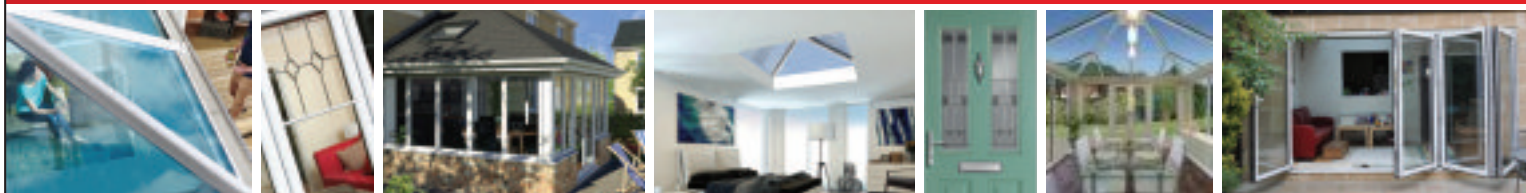
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An expert's advice could help to avoid dispute

BRENDAN SWEENEY, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population does not have a will.

A will takes effect on your death, and is an instruction as to what is to happen to your estate.

Probate disputes and challenges to wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to it.

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial

responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

Substantial costs can also be saved by taking professional advice early, and putting in place powers of attorney – whereby you appoint trusted people to make decisions about your property and financial affairs and health and welfare, if you lose capacity.

The people appointed are made fully aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Local solicitor wins national award



AT the Family Law Awards held recently in London, Sally Fitzherbert of Hopkins Law won the Family Law Chartered Legal Executive of the Year Award – the only Welsh finalist in the category.

The awards have been taking place for the last eight years to celebrate excellence in family law.

The shortlist and winners were chosen by a judging panel made up of the heads of the Family Law Bar Association, Resolution and the Association of Lawyers for Children, along with Family Law editors and publishing executives.

Winner Sally trained in Hugh James starting straight from school at 16, and after qualifying in 2000, she worked for Clarke and Hartland, JA Hughes and Phoenix Legal Services before joining Hopkins Law in 2013. She is a member of the local CILEx committee and was their chair in 2013/14, promoting CILEx and its members.

Kerry Mordey, co-director and head of Family Law at Hopkins Law Solicitors said: "We are exceptionally proud of Sally. Her professionalism, hard work and dedication have been recognised, and the fact that she was the only Welsh finalist is already an incredible achievement – and to have won is just fantastic!"

Kerry Mordey, co-director and head of Family Law; Sally Fitzherbert; Tom Allen and Michelle Jones at the recent awards in London.

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German beer festival was highlight for Barry Male Voice Choir

THE end of another very busy exciting and eventful year for Barry Male Voice Choir draws to an end.

"It's been a year of travel, many concerts, fellowship and fun," said choir chairman Gareth Roberts.

The highlight was the choir's memorable visit to Rheinfelden, Germany, to represent the Vale at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the twinning of Barry and Rheinfelden.

Two engagements – a formal concert at the town hall and a part in the opening of the local beer festival – will be remembered by choristers and locals alike.

"When will you be coming back?" was a question everyone asked.

At home the choir was proud to play prominent parts in the

World War One Centenary commemoration ceremony at the Memorial Hall, at the launch of the south Wales Poppy Appeal and at the Romilly School commemoration concert.

Ahead lies a busy Christmas period with a concert at Wetherspoons' Sir Samuel Romilly on Monday, December 10 (7.30pm) and the choir's grand Christmas concert with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, December 15 at 2pm. Proceeds for this concert will be for Alzheimer's Society Cymru.

The boys in blue look forward to meeting old and new friends at their Christmas concerts.



In preparation for the opening of the beer festival in Rheinfelden.

Skyhawk launches eco-friendly cleaning range



Skyhawk Global Ltd, which works from The Business Centre in Barry, launched a new range of eco cleaning products at the Kitchen Bureau in Cardiff. Among the guests was Vale Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands.

BARRY-based innovators in environmental biotech, Skyhawk Global Ltd, have released a new range of green cleaning products for the home and pets at a launch event in Cardiff.

The event, entitled 'Your Green Home Starts Here', took place at the Kitchen Bureau and was attended by members of the Vale community, as well as interested investors from as far

as South Africa and America. Managing director Andrew East said: "The event brought together the hard work of the team, who have been developing a new range of vegan, eco-friendly and sustainable cleaning products for the home."

"We have already started to have some trade success, winning awards and accolades for the range. We have plenty of Nu-Eco stock ready at Masons Self Storage and can't wait for it to hit the shelves."

Monday Club

COWBRIDGE (Gateway) Monday Club (affiliated with MENCAP) will hold their Christmas party on Monday, December 10 at 7pm, when Simon Sparkles, magician will entertain before the party food.

An invitation is extended to any interested or prospective members aged 16 and over with learning disabilities, or volunteer helpers, at the United Free Church Hall, Cowbridge, entrance via Broadboard.

The club meets on the second Monday of the month and has a varied programme of events, including an annual dinner at the Bear Hotel in March. Contact president Betty on 01446 773373, treasurer Sue on 01446 772788 or secretary Ann on 01446 781309.

Ellis family say support has been 'phenomenal'



Nicola and Lyndsay Ellis.

LYNDsay and **Nicola Ellis** of the **Vale Funeral Service** have announced with great regret that they cannot host their **Community Christmas Memorial Service** this year.

The event had become a major event in the town's diary with attendances of more than 300 people.

Those attending the service remembered loved-ones no longer with them at a time in the year when thoughts are naturally drawn to family. They were also unable to host it last year due to Nicola's health problems.

Lyndsay told The GEM: "We are sure that the local community will understand our reasons at this difficult time, bearing in mind the

difficult journey Nicola and the family are going through.

"We wish to thank all the Barry community for the continued support and the love shown to us. People have been phenomenal."

"Our prayers and thoughts are with everyone during this season in which loved ones are not with us in person but are always in our hearts and memories."

"Once again, we apologise for not bringing our memorial service to you but hope people understand."

Nicola has proved an inspiration to women who have been suffering from breast cancer.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, she spoke of her experience and urged women to make regular checks to ensure early detection of the disease.

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The salon at Posh Pawz.

If you want your pet dog looking his or her best for the festive season, then the place to visit is Posh Pawz, on the main street in Rhosee.

Kath has been in town for over six years now, and Christmas is the busiest time of the year, with owners smartening up their dogs before taking them to family gatherings.

It is in fact, her seventh Christmas here so customers know what to expect.

Kath said: "The support from the people of the Vale over the years has been great, and I would like to wish all our customers a very happy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you next year."

"I would like to thank all my lovely clients for their continued support."

"All old and new clients are very welcome."

Vale AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Friday, December 7 from 4pm-5pm at Dinas Powys Murchfield Hall; no appointment necessary.

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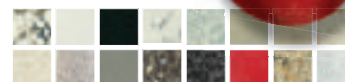
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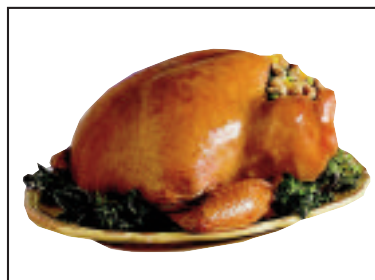
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Fund council's social care services properly and you can help the NHS – says Vale leader

WELSH Government has now announced an updated provisional settlement for local government funding for 2019/20.

This is significant because the vast majority of any Welsh council's budget comes not from the council tax and business rates the local authority receives from residents and traders, but from this annual payment, commonly referred to as the Revenue Support Grant, or RSG.

The funding of council services has been the topic of much debate in these pages in recent weeks and so I thought GEM readers would appreciate someone cutting through the politics and offering the straight facts of the matter.

Next year, the Vale Council's operating budget is likely to be £226m. Despite them finding additional money days after announcing an initial settlement 2019/20, Welsh Government has still, in real terms, reduced the funding of every council in Wales.

In the Vale, the proposed reduction in funding from Welsh Government is £1m.

This figure alone would be manageable, but rapidly increasing demand for some of our most expensive services, such as adult social care, means the cost of operating the council rises markedly each year.

When inflation and all anticipated service cost pressures are taken into account, the budget reduction becomes closer to £14m.

This is a much tougher challenge, especially considering that savings of more than £50m have already been made since 2010.

Already around 75 per cent of our annual budget is spent on social care and education, and these are the very services that are under intense pressure as demands on our services continue to grow.

The strong words that I have addressed to Welsh Government in recent weeks are not motivated by party politics. I have repeatedly made it clear that my motivation is to ensure that highly-valued public services are protected.

Indeed, this year's draft settlement united

council leaders of all political colours in condemnation, and this is because there is simply no recognition of the huge pressures we all face due to the rapidly rising demand for services such as education and social care.

In Wales, it seems there is always additional money available for the health service but never for the vital preventative services provided by local councils.

Ironically, these are the very services that if funded adequately, would remove a great deal of the pressure our colleagues in the NHS are under.

To put it simply, councils across Wales are at breaking point after suffering from year after year of cuts to their budgets, something for which the governments in both Westminster and Cardiff Bay must take responsibility.

At a time when all public spending should be under the microscope, we have a government in Wales that is still happy to promise better services without ever explaining who will pay for them or how.

This is irresponsible and to mask the dire

straits that those of us actually delivering the services are now navigating does the Welsh public a great disservice.

In the Vale, we are on course to reduce our operating costs by around £4m next year, as cost savings already identified are realised.

This, of course, still leaves £10m to be found. A final budget for the Vale must be agreed at a meeting of full council on February 27 and between now and then, my goal is to ensure that we can continue as far as possible to deliver those vital local services that our residents and communities need and deserve. However, to say that this will not be straightforward would be an understatement.

We will soon be launching a public consultation exercise asking residents which of our services they most value and how we can generate additional income to plug the £10m funding gap.

Residents will be able to take part via our website and I would urge all GEM readers to do so.



by Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council.

Local NHS Wales staff report increase in bullying by colleagues

NHS staff at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) are increasingly reporting bullying from their own colleagues.

An NHS survey found 18 per cent of Cardiff and Vale health board staff said they have experienced harassment, bullying or abuse at work from their manager, team leader or colleagues in the last year, up from 16 per cent in 2016.

Only around half of staff – 48 per cent – have said effective action has been taken as a result of staff experiencing harassment, bullying or abuse.

A further 22 per cent said they had suffered harassment, bullying or abuse from patients or service users, their relatives or other members of the public, which had also increased from 20 per cent in 2016.

Levels of work-related stress among Cardiff and Vale NHS staff have also "significantly worsened" in 2018, the survey found.

More than a third (34 per cent) of staff who responded say they have been injured or felt unwell as a result of work-related stress during the past 12 months, up from 28 per cent in 2016.

A total of 63 per cent said in the last three months they had come to work despite not feeling well enough to perform their duties, up from 57 per

cent in 2016.

Some 25 per cent said they felt pressure from their managers to come to work, but this had dropped from 39 per cent in 2013.

A total of 3,382 Cardiff and Vale UHB staff completed the survey, but the number of people who answered each question varied.

The survey also found 65 per cent of staff would recommend Cardiff and Vale University Health Board as a place to work and 78 per cent would be happy for a friend or relative to be treated there.

A spokesman for Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "We welcome the feedback our staff have given through the survey, as it enables us to explore any issues raised and to work with our staff to make improvements where necessary."

"As a health board, we do not tolerate bullying and harassment and feel that everyone should feel safe and supported when they come to work."

"Our chair, Maria Battle, has been instrumental in developing the 'Freedom to Speak Up Safely' campaign which is committed to providing an environment which facilitates open dialogue and communication to ensure any concerns staff may have are raised and responded to as soon as possible."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

Barry Rotary Club helps a foodbank out with Christmas donations

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Barry joined forces with team members of the Vale Foodbank over a three-day period at the weekend, to help with the collection of food donations at the Tesco stores in Barry and Penarth.

Both organisations would like to thank Tesco for their assistance and the public for their continued support, which is much appreciated.

At this time of year, the Vale Foodbank particularly need donations of Christmas items. Anyone wishing to make donations can take their items to the

special collection boxes in many supermarkets and churches throughout the town.

Over 90 per cent of the food distributed by Foodbanks in the Trussell Trust network is donated by the public, enabling them to give everyone referred a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food.

The Vale Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches facilitated by the Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Barry and is a registered charity.

Further information on donating, volunteering or how to get help can be found at info@vale.foodbank.org.uk or by calling 07879562077.



Barry Rotary Club helps Jill Osborne, Rose Pitman and Jane Lamey with Vale Foodbank representative, Denny Marshallsea.

Rare trees are planted at White Farm

MEMBERS of Barry Action for Nature spent the morning of November 24 planting rare Welsh species of fruit trees at White Farm.

The trees included the Bardsey apple, Denbigh plum, Goose's beak apple, Abergwyngregyn Damson, Anglesey Pig's Snout and the Snowdon Queen pear. The group also sowed wildflower seeds and crocuses.

Rob Curtis of Barry Action for Nature said: "I would like to pay tribute to our volunteers who worked very hard in wet and cold conditions but at least they were kept warm by the thought of helping our wildlife. I would also like to thank Biffa Awards for supplying the trees."

In other news, a non-native Chilean pine (*Araucaria araucana*), planted by the group, was stolen.

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PDSA on agenda for local group

AT a recent meeting of Barry Men's Forum, Karina Maggs from the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA), gave members an illustrated talk on their work treating domestic pets.

The PDSA was founded 101 years ago and has over 64 hospitals nationwide, as well as many charity shops. These latter are crucial in the generation of income, as it costs £1 million per annum to keep the Cardiff hospital open.

The costs for treating

animals can vary considerably and are determined by the owner's ability to pay.

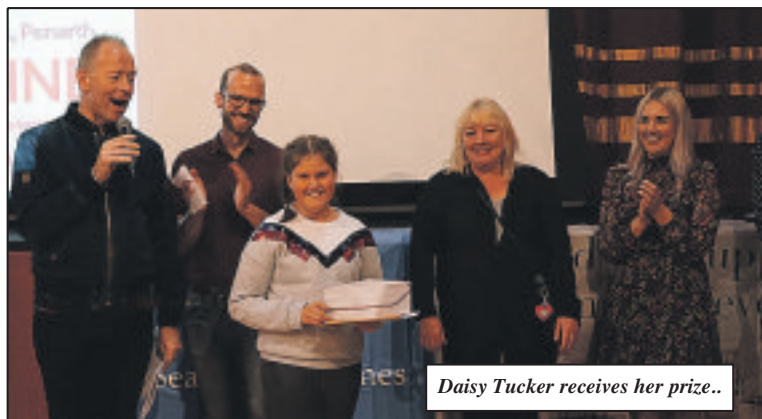
Many problems dealt with by the hospital on a regular basis are weight-related; animals being fed the wrong food causing obesity; fleas; worming and many forms of surgery.

The forum meets weekly at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry, on Thursdays at 9.45am; new members are always welcome.

For further information, contact Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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Penarth Bake Off turns out to be a great day for charity



Daisy Tucker receives her prize..

PENARTH Bakeoff made a return for 2018 on November 4 to raise some dough for two local charities: Forget-Me-Not Chorus and Marie Curie.

This year's competition raised £1,553.92, thanks to the additional help of the Garfield Weston Foundation through The Big Give.

Penarth Bakeoff is the ultimate baking battle where passionate baking fans compete to be crowned Penarth's Best Baker, across seven different categories. Jo Jones was crowned Penarth's Best Bake, and the Penarth's Best Young Baker title went to Daisy Tucker.

Entertainment on the day came from Little Fizz, Penarth Community Choir, Joe Pope, Will Summers and Steph Jackson—thank you for sharing your talent on the stage.

Organised by Penarth View, this year's competition was sponsored by Cleaner's Got Talent, Seabreeze Homes and Mason's Self Storage. Special thanks must also go to our competition judges David Schönthal, Charlotte Williams and Nicola Philip for judging so professionally and fairly. To our team of volunteers, thank you for giving your time so selflessly.

To the compère Stifyn Parri and photographer Phil Lewis, thank you for giving the day extra shine and capturing the event for posterity.

John and Will from Penarth View would like to thank everyone who baked a cake, entered the spirit of the day, and came along to raise an incredible £1,553.92 for two incredibly important charities.

It's humbling to see how alive and well community spirit is in our town.

John Davies



Jo Jones with her prize.

Mountain peaks and coastal views for Penarth Ramblers

SEVEN walkers joined Terry from Penarth and District Ramblers on the train journey to Port Talbot to complete the 12-mile journey along part of the Wales Coast Path to Swansea.

Heading down to the coast and making their way across the River Afan, some street walking brought them past playing fields towards Aberavon Sands, and the promenade above the long three-mile stretch of beach with grand views towards Swansea Bay.

Making their way through Baglan Burrows, the group went inland, past the huge Baglan Bay Power Station and arrived on the banks of the River Neath.

They continued past the Brunel Tower, which held a hydraulic machine invented by William George Armstrong that opened the locks and operated cranes at Briton Ferry Floating Dock.

Heading alongside the noisy A48, they crossed the River Neath to join Fabian Way, past the four-storey octagonal tower used by the military during World War Two as a lookout, and which is now part of a hotel and spa.

They joined the pretty towpath beside the redundant Tennant Canal that runs for eight miles between Port Tennant and Aberdulais, that was built for ships carrying coal. A modern bridge led them to the Prince of Wales Dock and Swansea Marina, with its white Norwegian Church.

Leaving the Wales Coast Path, they made their way back through Swansea

to the train station for the train back home.

In contrast, the following day Robin and spaniel Pepper took their group of nine walkers to the Black Mountain to walk some of the peaks in the Carmarthen Fans.

Starting at Tafarn y Garreg, a footbridge led them across the River Tawe for their first climb up Allt Fach.

In a chilly wind, they continued the long haul up the rocky escarpment of Fan Hir, straight into low cloud and mist which blocked out all the surrounding views.

Continuing their journey along the ridge, another climb led them onto Fan Brycheiniog, the highest peak of the Black Mountain and from there they made their way to its sister peak, Fan Foel.

Locating a pathway for the long descent into the valley below, they turned to make their way towards Llyn y Fan Fawr, 'lake of the big peak,' where the mist was lifting.

A grassy pathway led them alongside the misty lake to the rocky hillside of Fan Ffechan, while above them, Fan Hir was encased in thick cloud.

Following the Nant Tawe Ffechan downhill, the mist lifted to give views of the valley as they made their way back to their start.

For up to date information, visit www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or see Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 205 5102.

Joy Strangward



The South Wales Clarinet Choir took part in a concert to raise funds for Dinas Library.

Library celebrates second anniversary

DINAS POWYS Library and Activity Centre has an ambitious programme of events to provide entertainment and raise funds.

The latest event was a concert at which the South Wales Clarinet Choir performed to friends and supporters of the library.

The clarinet choir is an ensemble consisting entirely of instruments from the clarinet family. Alongside the standard Bb clarinet, the choir includes Eb, alto, bass, contra-alto and contra-bass clarinets. The sound is quite unique, full and surprisingly varied, and is the equivalent of the

string orchestra.

The library is now celebrating its second anniversary of being community-led by more than 40 volunteers and is managed by a small board of trustees.

Regular weekly activities include a children's story time, Lego Club and Thursday coffee mornings. It also holds a 'Coding Club' on Fridays at 3.30pm.

Chris Franks, chair of the trustees, told The GEM: "Forthcoming events include a Christmas carol concert on December 17 at 2.30pm in the library. All are welcome and there is no admission charge."

Sky notes for December

THIS month the Milky Way, our own galaxy, lies overhead and the prominent constellation of Cassiopeia (looking like a letter W) sits right in the middle.

If you look with a pair of binoculars, you will have a glorious view of one arm of our galaxy. We need to look towards the eastern and south-eastern horizon to see the glorious winter constellations rise high enough to be impressive.

Halfway overhead towards the south east, is Taurus with its two show-off open clusters – the Hyades and Pleiades.

These can easily be identified as the Hyades has the bright naked-eye star Aldebaran (which is not really a member of the cluster as it lies closer to us, but it will help identification).

The cluster has two

lines of stars forming the letter 'V,' while the Pleiades looks like a miniature Plough. They are much younger and will appear blue/white.

Below Taurus waiting its turn in the limelight is mighty Orion (the hunter).

The main outline shows the hunter's body – two stars mark his shoulders, three stars close together in a line mark his belt, and another two stars mark his feet.

Compare the top left-hand star (Betelgeuse) with the bottom right star of his foot (Rigel). Both are very powerful and the colours different: one is orange, the other white.

Use binoculars to locate his belt. All three should fit inside the view; carefully drop your gaze directly below the stars and they should pick up a fuzzy blob – this is a stellar nursery.

The Orion Nebula marks the place where

new stars are being born. Very close to the eastern horizon is the bright star Sirius, marking the constellation of Canis Major.

Sirius is the brightest star in the sky and is often spotted because it appears to flash different colours. This is nothing to do with the star and all to do with our thick atmosphere.

Having found it, we can use it to pinpoint the constellation of Gemini. Look above Sirius, about halfway to the overhead point. The constellation consists of two lines of stars, marked by two of the brightest stars, Castor and Pollux.

This constellation will have the undivided attention of most amateur astronomers on Friday, December 14, because this is the night of maximum activity from the Geminid meteor shower.

Watch from late evening, although both the night before and the night after maximum will also produce a fair amount of 'shooting stars'.

On December 14, perhaps as many as 100 per hour may be seen, although it must be

pointed out a single observer will not see this many, because they will appear all over the sky.

The best views will be from dark sky locations away from artificial lights. No optical aid is required apart from your naked eye.

If you locate Gemini, turn your back on it, look at the sky, get comfortable (best to sit or better still lie down) and enjoy the display.

This month there is something else to look at from December 12, as Comet 46P/Wirtanen will be close to the constellation Taurus.

I know what you are thinking – another comet a couple of months ago turned out to be unimpressive, but astronomers must remain positive and this comet should reach naked eye visibility.

The Moon is near Mars on December 14, and it forms a triangle with the Pleiades and Hyades on the 20th.

Keep an eye on the website for details about our observing sessions and meetings: www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com.

DAVE POWELL

Maesteg sector PACT meetings

OGMORE VALLEY PACT public meeting will be held at Dinam Close on Tuesday, December 11 at 6.30pm.

MAESTEG EAST, MAESTEG WEST and LLANGYNWYD PACT public meeting at Cwm Calon, Castle Street, Maesteg, on Thursday, December 13 at 6pm.

CAERAU PACT public meeting at Noddfa Community Centre on Monday, December 10 at 6pm.

BETTWS PACT public meeting at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday,

December 6 at 2pm.

If you have any non emergency issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team either by telephoning 101 or on the contact mobile telephone numbers or e-mail address, issued on the 'Your Neighbourhood' section of South Wales Police website, www.south-wales.police.uk for your respective area.

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

Police investigate death of Penarth woman on train

BRITISH Transport Police have launched an investigation following the death of a 28-year-old Penarth woman on a train between Bath and Keynsham.

The Ambulance Service and police were called to an incident on Saturday evening, December 1. Initial police inquiries suggest the woman may have been leaning out of a window when she suffered a blow to the head.

A police spokesman said: "Officers were called at 10.10pm on Saturday following a report a

woman had received serious head injuries while travelling on a train between Bath and Keynsham.

"Colleagues from South Western Ambulance Service also attended; however, despite their best efforts, a 28-year-old woman from Penarth sadly died at the scene. Her family has been informed.

"We are continuing to investigate the circumstances of the incident, which has been reported to the Rail Accident Investigation Branch. The death is not being treated as suspicious and a file will be prepared for the coroner."

Council to ask owners of unoccupied homes to pay more council tax

LANDLORDS with empty properties in the Vale may soon have to pay more council tax.

The Vale Council will put forward plans to remove council tax discounts for unoccupied homes.

Currently, the council allows a 50 per cent council tax discount on unoccupied homes.

But on December 3, the council's cabinet agreed to consult on plans to remove the discounts – as part of efforts to discourage owners from allowing their properties to remain empty for long periods and to bring empty homes back into use.

The change would affect unoccupied properties in classes A, B and C under Council Tax Regulations.

"The main argument against reducing the discounts would be the issue of fairness to non-resident owners, where it could be argued that they are being asked to pay for services they do not use," a council report says.

"However, whilst this may be the case, council tax is not charged on the basis that both resident and non-resident owners will use every service.

"Many services such as planning, highways, street cleaning, local policing and fire services are

essential in maintaining the local environment for both resident and non-resident owners. These services do not stop or reduce in cost when a property is empty."

Class A and B properties are unoccupied and furnished. Class A relates to properties which a restriction on occupancy by law for a period of at least 28 days in any 12 month period, whereas Class B properties have no such restriction.

Class C properties are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than six months. Empty properties which are unoccupied and unfurnished are initially exempt from council tax altogether for up to six months – this would not change as part of the proposals.

On September 21 this year there were 779 properties in the Vale of Glamorgan in Class C – which had been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than six months – a figure the council says has been relatively constant over the past five years.

There were 543 furnished but unoccupied properties in Class B and 56 in Class A.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Free child care available for working parents in the Vale

PARENTS will be offered 30 hours free child care per week in a scheme being rolled out across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Eligible parents in the Vale will be able to access 30 hours of funded early years education and childcare per week, for up to 48 weeks of the year.

It will consist of 12.5 hours of foundation phase nursery education and 17.5 hours of childcare a week during term time, and 30 hours of free childcare during non-term time for nine weeks.

The offer will be available to parents from the beginning of the term following their child's third birthday, until the September following their fourth birthday when they enter full time education.

It will be open to all parents or

co-habiting couples employed or self employed and residing permanently in Wales.

Both parents must be working in a two-parent family, or the sole parent in a single parent family, must be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours at National Living Wage or National Minimum Wage, up to £100,000 per year.

The Welsh Government will fund the scheme and pay £4.50 per child per hour directly to participating childcare providers.

Previously, the plan was to introduce the offer only to certain wards within the Vale in September 2019 before a full roll out in 2021.

But now the Welsh Government has asked the Vale Council to roll out the offer across the whole county from next year.

This was agreed by the council's cabinet on December 3,

which means parents in the Vale should be able to take up the offer from the beginning of April.

Newport Council, rather than Cardiff as previously planned, will deliver the scheme on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan, including processing all applications from parents, determining eligibility and informing parents of the outcome.

The Vale Council will be responsible for promoting the offer to parents and administering the childcare offer.

Cllr Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and culture, said following the meeting: "I'm delighted that the child care offer will be rolled out across the Vale with effect from April 2019, which should be a significant benefit for many working parents."

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MP welcomes big spend on Small Business Saturday

VALE MP Alun Cairns, has welcomed the news that spending on Small Business Saturday has once again increased to its highest-ever level.

Spending on December 1, 2018 reached an estimated £812million, which is an increase of 8 per cent on spending on Small Business Saturday in 2017.

Local economies and high streets in the Vale and across the UK received a boost as shoppers showed

support for small businesses, coming out in force for the UK's sixth annual Small Business Saturday.

Mr Cairns, who is a keen supporter of small businesses, visited the high streets in Barry and Llantwit Major to promote Small Business Saturday. He said: "It's one of the busiest shopping days of the year and it's an opportunity to encourage people to use their independent traders. Instead of using the internet, it's about considering what small businesses locally can offer you. They are here day in, day out, making a community. It's so important that we support them and that's what this campaign is all about."

Vale AM Jane Hutt also showed her support on Small Business Saturday welcoming Emily Thornberry, MP for Islington South and Finsbury, and met with small business owners in Cowbridge and Barry's High Street.



Glyn Pooley and friends underneath the arch..

An 'Arch of Happiness' pops up in Knap Gardens

THE Friends of The Knap Gardens, with the help of Art4U, have created an 'Arch of Happiness' at The Knap Gardens in Barry to brighten up the winter days.

The local community group, which is committed to the upkeep of the gardens, got together on Saturday to use their creativity to put together all natural decorations.

Art4U has thanked all the volunteers and members of the local community who took part in the 'Making an Entrance' event at the Knap Lake and gardens.

Glyn Pooley said: "It was

lovely to see so many people there and their contributions were really appreciated.

"Touches such as the willow weaving and 'happiness tags' helped to make it really special.

"Members of the public are invited to add to the entrance over the Christmas period by sharing their own messages of hope and happiness.

"Why not take a walk under the 'Arch of Happiness'? Look out for the mistletoe and share joy with your friends and loved ones."

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who visited the group as they were working on the project said: "It's great to see the Friends of The Knap Gardens working hard at the

weekend to do something special for the area.

"This is fantastic community action and we're lucky to have active people locally who want to do their bit."

While speaking to the group, Mr Cairns was told about the Monkey Puzzle tree which has gone missing from The Knap Gardens.

He commented: "It's a real shame that the tree has gone missing, especially with the huge effort that the group puts in to make the gardens special. I want to help in any way that I can, so I'll be working to find a sponsor to replace the tree."

Coffee shops are helping Barnardo's this Christmas



Paris Hardy, supervisor of Bridgend Starbucks, with the store's Christmas tree.

COFFEE stores around south Wales are helping the children's charity Barnardo's bring some Christmas cheer to vulnerable children this year.

Starbucks stores run under the franchise of Magic Bean, including the one in Bridgend, have set up Christmas trees hung with gift tags, each with the name of a child supported by Barnardo's Cymru.

Customers are being encouraged to choose a tag and donate a gift for a child who might otherwise be without presents on Christmas

Day.

Hayley, a supervisor at Starbucks Bridgend, told the GEM that they were delighted with the number of people who had come forward already to donate to a child.

She said: "There is still plenty of time to join the appeal. Every gift donated will be matched to a child by Barnardo's. The last date for presents is December 14."

Gifts should be delivered to the store unwrapped, so that the charity can make a suitable match for Christmas Day.

Postcode lottery win for Bettws neighbours

ELEVEN neighbours in Bridgend woke up on December 3 to the news that their postcode was announced as a winner of the People's Postcode Lottery (PPL).

The Bettws residents each won £1,000 for every ticket that they played.

PPL ambassador Judie McCourt sent her congratulations and said: "I hope they enjoy spending their win and treating themselves to something nice in time for Christmas."

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BOXING DAY SWIM

WHITMORE Bay Voluntary Lifeguards are holding their annual Boxing Day Swim on Wednesday, December 26, entering the water at 10am in front of Barry Island Lifeguard Station, western shelter.

Early VE Day celebrations held at local school



WHAT'S ON - IN BRIEF

Care and Repair

IF you are a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale, elderly or disabled and in need of advice or support on repairs or home improvements, Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale can help you to adapt and maintain your home. They can give advice on grants available and information on reputable companies to use.

Care and Repair will hold a session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, December 11 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along and chat to an adviser from the scheme. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a performance by the Tongwynlais Temperance Brass Band at 2pm on Wednesday, December 12 in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge (please note change of venue).

Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes seasonal refreshments).
www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

Biscuits for the VE Day celebration.

THIS term, Class 4 at St Nicholas CiW Primary School has been studying World War Two.

The project covered a range of curriculum areas and culminated in a VE Day celebration, where the children learnt the skills of 'Make Do and Mend' by weaving, reusing broken items and transforming items of clothing into different uses.

In addition, traditional wartime decorations, which will be sold at the Christmas fete, were made.

The children explored the importance of the work of Bletchley Park in breaking the Enigma codes to help the war effort. They then decoded their own wartime messages.

The day culminated in a VE Day party, organised by the children who

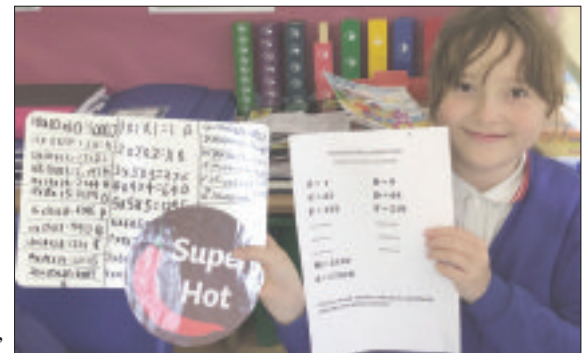
baked cakes and biscuits from wartime recipes and working with Mrs Kuczynski from the Vale Music Service, performed 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy' and 'Jingle Bells', sung originally by the Andrews Sisters and Bing Crosby.

School governor, Mrs Newton, said: "Pupils in Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed learning about all aspects of life during World War Two in very exciting ways. My granddaughter Molly dressed in clothes an evacuee would have worn, which allowed her bring history to life outside the classroom."

Report written by year-6 pupils,
Meghan Thomas and Oliver Fambely.



Class 4 children dressed as evacuees.



Olivia shows off her decoding skills.

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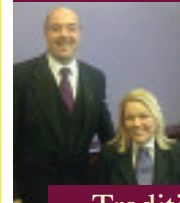
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DANIELS

Gwyneth Mary

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SHORT

Eric

The family of Eric would like to thank all who attended Eric's funeral, also for the many cards and flowers. Thanks to the Reverend Phil Denyer for the service and his kind words. Also, many thanks to Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services for their kindness and compassion at this very sad time.

BEVAN-MORGAN

Pat

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ASHILL

David Thomas

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ORPIN

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SEAL

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FARMER

Eric John

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NEWHOOK

Dorothy Beryl

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The funeral service will take place at 10.30am on Friday, 21st December at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry, followed by burial at Barry Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Springbank for their care of her during her stay with them.

LEWIS

David Paul

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CRAIG

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A hard-fought victory for Dinas Powys RFC in the gloom of Treorchy

ON a day when the rain defied gravity and fell horizontally and the cloud hung around the mountain tops, it produced a gloom that ensured that the Rhondda was grey.

The sound of the studs in the rugby boots of the players as they proceeded to the pitch was reminiscent of bygone days.

Treorchy were on a fine winning run, unbeaten since September 15 and it took a resolute defensive performance from Dinas Powys RFC to gain a hard-won 17-11 victory against a well-drilled and energetic team.

The Villagers took the lead within the first five minutes following fine interplay between centres Sonny Driscoll and Adam Williams that saw the latter over for the first try of the contest.

The home side responded 10 minutes later with a try, following a rolling maul from an attacking lineout that saw several of their threequarters assist in driving the maul over the tryline.

The Villagers replied quickly with their second try, second row

Ryan Hall made a powerful drive towards halfway, the resulting ruck ball was won and fly half Ben White opted to kick the ball down the middle of the pitch.

The ball was gathered by the Treorchy full back but centre Adam Williams caught the home player and dragged him over the home tryline to gain the visitors a five-metre scrum.

The resulting scrum saw a powerful drive from the Villagers' pack and scrum half Tom Davies fed right wing Jim Wiltshire, who had ventured off his wing on a diagonal run, to score the try in the shadow of the posts. White added the conversion and the score progressed to 5-12.

The home side responded by setting up camp in the Villagers' half and their defence was tested to the limit.

Heroic tackling by the back row of Corey Imperatto and the brothers Dunleavy, Lewis and Josh, withstood 10 minutes of intense pressure.

It was against the run of play that the Villagers scored their third and final try of the afternoon, a dropped pass among the Treorchy

threequarters allowed Adam Williams to gather and run towards half way with great vision and precision.

Williams kicked the ball towards the home left hand corner, full back Dai Lloyd scurried in pursuit and showed good pace to gather the ball and slide over for the try.

As the second half restarted, the locals remained confident of victory as the slope, wind and rain were at their backs as Treorchy played down the valley.

The fact that the home side were limited to two penalty goals in the second half was testament to brave and resolute defending.

The home side dominated possession and territory with the elements in their favour, highlighting how poorly the Villagers had utilised this in the first half.

The Villagers rarely ventured outside their 22 metre area and only twice into the opposition 22 metre during the second half, and clung on for a hard-fought victory under the floodlights in the descending gloom.

HJ



Imps on target with new sponsors

CADOXTON Imps under-10s have secured new sponsorship from Quasar Barry Island.

Owner Mark Vockins has agreed to sponsor the team, and as well as sponsorship he also invited the whole of Cadoxton Imps minis to a free game of Quasar at Barry Island. In addition, the whole mini section were presented with a Quasar hoodie.

The club has personally thanked Mr Vockins for his support and generosity, and after

the celebrations at Quasar the teams were treated by the club to sausage and chips supplied by Mr Zeraschi at the Promenade Bar.

Last season Cadoxton Imps had one under-10s team in the Vale of Glamorgan mini section, however as rules changed, and one player was ineligible, the club set up an under-9s team in order to accommodate the player.

This season also sees our second under-10s team join the mini league, having recruited almost 20 new players and we may even be able to introduce

under-7s and under-8s teams next season.

The club's kit was supplied by Classic Sportswear, and they are also producing winter jackets for our new teams.

Cadoxton Imps do not hold trials of any sort - if you want to play football you just turn up. Our ethos is play to have fun, it doesn't matter if you win or lose, as long as you've enjoyed yourself and you walk off the pitch with a smile on your face.

SE

Robbie's run of form continues



Dai Llewellyn, Keith James, winner Robbie Llewellyn, sponsor Andrew Thomas, Brian Jones and Robert Calcaterra.

Tondu Titans in a tight spot – can you help?

TONDU Titans are currently looking for a match day physiotherapist for their dedicated ladies team – and urgently need someone for a development game this weekend as their physio is unavailable.

The team would welcome someone in university, college or someone who has previous experience. All travel costs will be provided.

If anyone can help, please contact the team through Facebook.

ROBBIE LLEWELLYN, the man with the mower from Penllynne, featured in last week's GEM for his success in winning the Nipper Jewell Knock competition organised by the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, continued his winning streak when finishing ahead of the field at last week's monthly meeting of the society.

Playing at The Glamorganshire Golf Club in Penarth, and despite failing to score on three holes, Robbie still managed to finish with 34 stableford points, just one more than Brian Jones, who also finished runner-up to Robbie in the knockout final mentioned earlier.

Robbie's brother Dai also had a good round, finishing in third place with 32 points just ahead of society president Geraint Davies, who also

scored 32 points. Brian Lakin finished in fifth place with 31 points.

The visitors' section was won by Rob Calcaterra who finished with the highest score of the day when accumulating 37 points. Jon Wall with 33 points finished runner-up.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan (Cowbridge) sponsored par-3 holes were Glyn Watts-Jones (2), Dai Llewellyn, Brian Jones and Jon Wall.

Generous sponsor Andrew Thomas of HRT of Cowbridge hit the longest drive down the selected hole to win the Llanerch vineyard and restaurant sponsored prize and also returned home with a voucher from Picketton Poultry when correctly guessing 19 balls would fail to return home. This raised £54 for the Wish Upon a Star charity.

Members are now looking forward to the annual Christmas meeting, scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at St Athan Golf Club. T.McC



Holton Road AFC under-7s would like to thank Perfect Prints for kindly sponsoring them and providing their kits.

Michael Cundliffe, vice chairman of Holton Road AFC, said "Without companies such as Perfect Prints, grassroots football clubs would struggle to provide the essentials to their young players." If you would like to get involved in the club, please contact holtonroadafc@gmail.com or find us on social media.

MC

Awards are handed out at Brynhill presentation evening



Sue Holland was named Lady Golfer of the Year.



Ruth O'Carroll.



Ladies' captain Sam Pascoe with Lisa Taylor.

GLITTERING silverware and crystal were put on display for the annual Brynhill Golf Club presentation evening.

Ladies and gentlemen arrived to receive their prizes and support all the winners and runners-up. The Brynhill golfing members had played competitions all year trying to win a trophy and receive it on this special night.

The ladies' captain Sam Pascoe was delighted to present all the winners and runners-up with their trophies.

The Diack winner was Lisa Taylor and runner-up

Helena Coombes - this was one of many prizes for Lisa this year.

The Brynhill Ladies' Champion was Ruth O'Carroll and runner-up Sam Pascoe. Ruth is a County League player and Brynhill is very proud of her achievements.

The Lady Golfer of the Year was Sue Holland - this trophy is presented to the most consistent player of the year.

All the winners and runners-up were warmly applauded by all the members present, well done to everyone.

JK

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16 16 DS DS3 1.6 BlueHDI DStyle 3dr, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB, 20k, black £8495

16 16 DS DS3 1.6 BlueHDI Prestige 3dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, black £8795

15 15 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI DStyle Nav 5dr, sat nav, cruise, pdc, aux, white £7995

16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18" alloys, 19k, orange, half leather £10495

15 15 FIAT 500C 1.2 2dr Convertible, sat nav, 16k, yellow, half-leather £7995

15 15 FIAT 500X 1.6 MultiJet Cross 5dr, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 31k, red £9495

16 16 FORD ECOSPORT 1.0 EcoBoost Titanium 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, aux, blue, half-leather £8995

15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.0 ECOBOOST 125 Titanium X 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 20k, blue £11495

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15 15 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI 185 ST-2 Estate, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, pdc, silver, half-leather £13495

15 15 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI Titanium X Navigation 5dr, reverse camera, heated seats, black, half-leather £9495

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15 15 JAGUAR XF 2.0 D 180 R-Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, cruise, heated seats, dab, privacy glass, 25k, black, full leather £17995

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16 16 MAZDA 2 1.5 Sport Nav 5dr, Mazda warranty June 2019, sat nav, cruise, privacy glass, 28k, red £9495

13 13 MAZDA 3 1.6 Tamura 5dr, 17" alloys, 15k, met grey £6995

16 16 MAZDA 3 2.0 Sport Black 5dr, Mazda warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, bosa, reverse camera, Bluetooth, 16k, white, half-leather £14295

15 15 MAZDA 3 2.2 D Sport Nav 5dr, heated seats, sat nav, 18" alloys, black, full leather £9495

14 14 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Estate, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, pdc, blue £9995

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17 17 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Nav Estate, Mazda warranty April 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc, dab, aux & usb, white £13795

15 15 MAZDA CX-5 2.0 SE-L 5dr, sunroof, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 17" alloys, 21k, choice £14995

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16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTi ecoFLEX Design 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, 28k, silver £8995

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Barry Town United ladies notch seven as 100 per cent record continues

BARRY Town United Ladies went into their eighth league game of the season with Willows Ladies looking to maintain their 100 per cent winning start in the Welsh Women's League to keep the pressure on league leaders Caldicot Town and Aberystwyth Town, who had played more fixtures up to this point.



Holly Vowles (left) and Tracey White (right) celebrate their 7-0 win.

This match was to be the reverse fixture between the two sides, having played the previous weekend with Barry coming out on top in a 3-0 away victory.

This fixture was played at Cardiff International Athletic Stadium on a 3G surface and it didn't take long for Barry to get into their rhythm.

The opening exchanges saw chances fall at either end with Barry goalkeeper Erin Brennan making a good save and striker Emma Cannon firing across goal.

The deadlock however was broken after 19 minutes when some neat buildup play found Sian Rees, who played a through ball to Cannon who from a tight angle fired home at the near post to give Barry the opening goal.

With Barry in the lead and with their tails up, they took complete control of the game

during the following 16 minutes in which they would net a further three goals.

Another Rees through ball found Cannon through on goal who chipped the goalkeeper using the outside of her foot on 23 minutes for her seventh goal of the season.

Rees was then to get her name on the score sheet with a thumping 25 yard effort that went into the roof of the net to make it 3-0; and then captain Charlotte Preen netted her sixth goal of the season with a similar long range effort, making it 4-0 after 35 minutes played.

In the second half Barry continued to have the majority of possession but credit must go to Willows, who kept battling through the game despite the score line; and it was clear to see the newly promoted side have made good progress since joining the

league in September.

It took Barry just two second half minutes to net their fifth goal and it was Rees again who finished off an excellent Barry move that started from the goalkeeper.

Having played through the defensive and midfield units the ball found Rees, who drove towards goal and unleashed a tremendous curling strike into the bottom corner to make it 5-0.

Barry made several changes during the second half with Taylor Page replacing Rees and Courtney Martin-Luce coming on for Alicia Cox to give valuable match time to the squad.

Just after the hour mark, defender Holly Vowles made it 6-0 and her second goal in consecutive games, when she got on the end of a Preen corner which capped an excellent all round performance for the former Swansea City Ladies' captain.

The hosts were looking strong all over the pitch with Tracey White and Alex Allen looking composed alongside Vowles at the back with Preen and Ellen Phillips dictating the majority of Barry's build-up play. Olivia Townsend put in a fantastic shift down Barry's right and was a constant menace to the visitors.

Barry were to find the net one final time before the game was up and it was another fine strike from outside the penalty area as substitute Page struck an excellent left foot shot into the bottom corner to make it 7-0 and maintain Barry's excellent league form which sees them make it a three way tie at the top of the league table.

Following the match manager Luke Williams commented: "I thought we were excellent all over the pitch and we scored some fantastic goals. It was important to ensure the players went into the game with the right mentality and maintained their standards having played the same opposition the previous week and I can't fault their performance."

Barry now go into their final game of 2018 on Sunday, December 9 with a top of the table clash with Aberystwyth Town which will be played at Jenner Park Stadium 2pm kick off - the game is free entry for supporters.

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Another success for Rhoose Bowling Club's ladies!



CONGRATULATIONS to the ladies of Rhoose Bowling Club, who have won the Countrywide two rink league competition, for two consecutive years.

Considering that Rhoose Bowling Club has an all-

weather green, the ladies have proved that they are just as adept on grass greens. Well done ladies, the hard work and support of the club has certainly paid off. Here's to next year!

Susan Dance

Barry Yacht Club sea rowers excel at Welsh Indoor Championship



Members of Barry Yacht Club participated in the recent event.

A GROUP of Barry sea rowers train through the winter with Cardiff City Rowing Club at Channel View Leisure Centre on Concept II rowing machines.

What started as a bit of fun, for four not-so-youthful rowers, resulted in a bronze medal in the 3,000m relay event.

Thanks go to Daniel John, coach at Channel View, for his encouragement in the team entering the competition and for his coaching tips on Concept II relay events.

Thanks also to Damian, Cardiff University's rowing coach, for his encouragement throughout the race.

The event will definitely be in the rowers' calendar for next year, hopefully with more than one team.

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Penllyn Bridge Club results

THURSDAY, November 1 (20 pairs):

1st, David & Marion Stephenson 63.43 per cent; 2nd, Ireen & Richard Daniels 60.19 per cent; 3rd Judith & Colin Nunn 59.95 per cent.

Thursday, November 8 (15 pairs): 1st, Cath Mathias & Julie Evans 67.08 per cent; 2nd, Julia Evans & Vicky Long 60.61 per cent; 3rd, Judith & Colin Nunn 57.58 per cent.

Thursday, November 15 (20 tables): 1st, David & Marion Stephenson 76.01 per cent; 2nd, Mary Wallis & Penny

Jarvis 64.14 per cent; 3rd, Ireen & Richard Daniels 54.29 per cent.

Thursday, November 22 (21 tables): 1st, Diana Lewis & Myrtle Hansard 63.13 per cent; 2nd, Judith & Colin Nunn 62.63 per cent; 3rd, Helen & Mike Rutledge 62.12 per cent.

Thursday, November 29 (12 tables) Robert Brown Cup competition: 1st, Diana Lewis & Myrtle Hansard 59.55 per cent; 2nd, Gwenyth Wilde & Gill Wybrow 58.64 per cent; 3rd, Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook 57.27 per cent.

CN

Double triumph for Brynhill lady golfers



Lisa Taylor and Ruth O'Carroll.

BRYNHILL Golf Club ladies Mrs Ruth O'Carroll and Mrs Lisa Taylor attended the Glamorgan Ladies County Golf Association AGM at Whitchurch Golf Club on November 26, to receive their golf trophies.

Both ladies played in the County Championship at Royal

Portcawl earlier in the year. Ruth has a handicap of five and won the Best Nett County Championship, and Lisa took the County S t a b l e f o r d Championship. It was the first time Lisa had played at Royal Portcawl so it was a great achievement for her.

Well done to Ruth and Lisa, Brynhill are very proud of your achievements.

ND

Another disastrous week for Barry chess teams

THE recurring theme in this season's reporting has been 'disaster'.

With three of our teams in action this week there were plenty of opportunities to offer a glowing report.

In Division 1 the Bosons faced fellow relegation candidates Pontypridd Phoenix. If ever there was a must-win game this was it.

Steve Cunliffe earned a win for the Bosons but that was it. A 4-1 win for the Phoenix has hoisted them into a mid-table position and dropped the Bosons down to ninth.

With two games against Castles and Bishops to come - the only two teams not worried about relegation or pushing for the title - there seems little chance that the Bosons can move out of the bottom three quickly.

I have been a Barry club member since 2001 and in all that time the Bosons have been the only Barry team to avoid relegation; promotion is impossible when you are in the top division, but their status is looking decidedly dodgy.

In Division 3 the Quarks travelled to Pontypridd to play the Spartans, the team next to them near the foot of the table.

The bottom two boards were evenly rated so it was no surprise to see draws agreed by Martin

Ricketts and Peter Watkins.

The top three boards were heavily rated in favour of the Spartans so a victory by Tom Cooke was somewhat surprising and very welcome, so another win from Pontypridd, this time 3-2.

The Quarks remain in ninth place, four points above the Bridgend team although they do have a game in hand.

The Gambits, our sole ray of light were in action in Division 4 - no, they didn't play a Pontypridd team but made the short trip to Penarth to face the Piers.

In a strange twist of effect we outrated our opponents on boards 1-4 with the players on board five having an equal ranking.

Our top two boards played an aggressive game but couldn't quite find the win and both ended up in a losing end game.

Fortunately Ieuan Thomas on board five earned a quick victory and I, having been in trouble early on, also managed a win, so again it was a loss from the Barry team, 3-2.

The league table still has the Gambits on top, however the Pentyrch C and Pontypridd Goshawks teams are getting ominously closer.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night, but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

Phil Jones

Old Hall Bridge Club results

NOVEMBER 21:

1st Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts, 2nd Graham Norris and Sue Norris.

November 28: 1st John Raymond and Colin Lewis, 2nd Diana Kendrick and Marjorie Morgan.

TP



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Barry Town United head over heels as they move back up to second place



ABOVE LEFT: Derw Fahiya (right) celebrates Barry's second goal, while ABOVE RIGHT: Club captain Jordan Cotterill brought out the acrobatics after Barry's fourth of the night.



A STUNNING second half saw Barry reclaim second spot in the JD Welsh Premier League, as the hosts ran out 4-1 victors over Newtown at a wet Jenner Park.

With the campaign reaching its halfway stage, goals from Macauley Southam-Hales, Drew Fahiya, Luke Cooper and Jordan Cotterill proved more than enough to seal all three points and end the club's 15-year wait for a win on live television.

A game of two halves for the viewers, the first 45 minutes saw an absorbing tactical affair unfold only for the goalscoring floodgates to open shortly after the break, as Barry changed shape and managed to force a breakthrough.

Embarking on another of his familiar surges forward, it was classy full-back Macauley Southam-Hales who both made and finished the move, breaking down the right and slotting a clinical low effort past Robins goalkeeper David Jones.

Eight minutes later Town would double their haul, with club captain Jordan Cotterill setting up speedster Derw Fahiya to side-foot home at the

back post.

Newtown would fire back before the hour mark through Steve Leslie, but Southam-Hales would remain a thorn in the Robins' side, crossing from the left this time and setting up Luke Cooper to head the Town into a 3-1 advantage.

In the 79th minute, Newtown were shown a red card to match their crimson strip after Wales C call-up Craig Williams was penalised for upending Kayne McLaggon.

McLaggon then looked to have won a penalty moments later, only for the official to wave play on and Cotterill to lash Barry's fourth into the bottom corner.

With substitutes Louis Gerrard, Tom Fry and the debuting Evan Press helping see things through, Barry would collect their 10th league win of the season, taking them above TNS once more and within a point of the leaders Connah's Quay Nomads.

Barry's next JD Welsh Premier League action will be against Carmarthen at Richmond Park on Friday December 14, a night that will see Andy Morrison's Nomads travel to Cefn Druids, while Scott Ruscoe's Saints head to Bala Town.

AC

Barry and District Mens Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Geest 266 (P Hunt, S R Jones 27), Bunker Boys 256 (K Jaynes, C Jennings, A Jaynes 24), British Rail 271 (C Saunders 34), KP Rejects 231 (M Stringer, B Dawe 25); Willie Wombles 286 (B Gratton 32), Blue Monkey 281 (D McCarthy 30); Sea View 339 (J Stokes 34), Posties 335 (M Gallimore 34); Cannon Balls 298 (I Forsyth 32), Billy Whizz 293 (S Coombs 30).

League table: 49ers 20, Geest 14, Posties 12, Billy Whizz 11, Willie Wombles 11, Blue Monkey 10, British Rail 8, Cannon Balls 8, Merrymen 8, KP Rejects 8, Sea View 7, Bunker Boys 7.

DIVISION 2:

BP Breakaways 244 (J Gee, Jake Rees, G Slocombe 24), Mighty Dockers 285 (P Evans 30); Hairly Lemons 271 (J Bonham, K Silvey 26), Park Lads 290 (M Whyman Snr 28), Colcot Boys 271 (T Sherrin 33), Tynny Lads 271 (S Germon 31); Witchill Poachers 363 (P Fraser 34), Cavaliers

365 (P Douglas 35); Barry Park B 267 (G Goldsby 27), Exiles 250 (J Miles, M Bumford 26).

League table: Park Lads 18, Mighty Dockers 16, Cavaliers 12, Barry Park B 12, Hairly Lemons 12, Colcot Boys 10, Tynny Lads 9, Exiles 9, BP Breakaways 8, H Bells 8, BP Breakaways 8, Witchill Poachers 6.

DIVISION 3:

Cocoa Nuts 262 (R Green 28), Castle Boys 248 (M Bond 27); Billy Bluebirds 5, Master Mariner 0; Royalists 269 (S Rowlands 28), Park Rangers 290 (C Cameron 32); Abercete 272 (Steve Miller 27); Glenbrook Flyers 299 (M Giovanelli 33).

League table: Park Rangers 18, Witchill Nomads 13, Billy Bluebirds 12, Cocoa Nuts 12, Royalists 11, CUD 10, Abercete 8, Castle Boys 8, Glenbrook Flyers 8, Alternatives 6, Master Mariner 0.

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JW

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

DIVISION 1:

Bakers Dozen 292 (M Westcoat & S Howe 29), Allsorts 275 (H Bunting 38); Pila Pala 261 (M Barnett 27), Fallen Angels 247 (V Watkins 27); La Belles 346 (R Clogg 34), Family & Friends 340 (C Matthews 34); Coppers 274 (S Ford 28); Sea View Gals 291 (D Manning & M Richards 30); Special Angels 209 (L Mountford 26), Space Finders 222 (D Carter 26); Barry Stars 153 (V Bishop 27), Cadoxton Conservative Fillies 267 (S Chilcott 26).

DIVISION 2:

Breakaways 250 (B Thruston 29), Persuaders 236 (V Garland 24); Colcot Ladies 271 (C Fenton 30), Red Admiral 233 (S Clements 29); Rugby Triers 242 (M Howells 25), Bandits 223 (C Kerslake 27); Rhooose Starlights 250 (D Holmes 26), Airways Angels 244 (E Lewis 26); Challengers 265 (M Velda & J Dimond 28), Clickies 230 (K Watts 27).

DIVISION 3:

Sea View Ladies 212 (K Lacny 30), Little Devils 245 (P Weston & D Harry 23); Uptown Girls 247 (L Hobbs 26), Hillbillies 245 (J Lomas 25); Etcetera 247 (J Barrat 26), Witchill Widows 250 (M McKinney 29).

DIVISION 4:

Optimists 214 (H Ball 24), Socialites 172 (F Nolan & J Holden 21); Livin on a Spare 308 (V Mitchell 32), Aristocats 296 (T Weston 31); Nite Outers 230 (G Baker & F Glanville 25), Little Misfits 212 (C King 27).

HB

Barrivale Bridge Club results

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club night on November 27:

1 Peter Millar & Tim Barsby 66.50 per cent; 2 Kevin Maddox & Mike Best 60.65 per cent; 3 Jane Brook & Noelle Bond 58.67 per cent. The handicap winners were Ann Richards and Linda Houston.

As always, we welcome new members at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us please ring any of

the following numbers, 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm - 4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF634AP.

LH

Barry RFC back in action with league victory

BARRY RFC returned to action after the autumn internationals with Abercynon their visitors.

With James Hadfield restored as captain following a lengthy spell sidelined by injury, the home side dominated early proceedings in terms of both possession and territory.

Orchestrated by the half-back partnership of Tomos Lee and Einar Scott, a prolonged period of Barry possession saw Abercynon concede a penalty from range, but Kyle Barros was unable to prosper against a stiff breeze.

The visiting side showed their own power game by dominating the scrum, but without any cohesion in their back division, found it difficult to breach the Barry line early on.

Instead it was Barry who deservedly opened the scoring, when another Abercynon transgression gave Barros the opportunity to land a long range penalty.

Buoyed by that success, the green and whites continued to utilise the platform set up by their forwards to press for the next score.

Despite being against the slope and wind Barry were winning the tactical kicking game, and from one such chance, pressure applied by Dylan Robertson forced the visitors to spill the ball, and Barros was on hand to collect and race under the posts the score. The conversion was a formality and the hosts were now 10 points to the good.

Abercynon tried to turn the screw in the scrum and forced Barry deep into their own 22, but some heroic defending saw the visitors come away with no points.

Instead it was another clever kick from Scott which saw him outfox the visiting defence, collecting his own kick after it was held up in the wind, before diving over in the corner for Barry's second try. Barros failed with the extras under difficult conditions.

After 'Cynon had reduced the

deficit with a successful penalty, the hosts had the chance to respond with a kick of their own, but instead opted for the corner.

It was a decision vindicated by a powerful maul resulting in Alyn Evans crashing over for his team's third try. The conversion from out wide was unsuccessful.

At the interval it was almost a matter of when and not if Barry collected their bonus point - but the visitors had other ideas.

Revitalised from the break and helped by a Barry sin-bin, Abercynon put the home side under tremendous pressure, and eventually the hosts ran out of defenders with the visitors scoring an unconverted try.

Barry were failing to utilise the slope and wind advantage and instead spent large amounts of time defending in their own half, with the collective team effort keeping the home line from being breached.

Frustrated by their inability to make that decisive score to bring themselves back into the game, the visiting team conceded a penalty which Barros was grateful to accept, stroking over another penalty from range to extend Barry's lead.

Abercynon continued to press for the rest of the half but found things tougher when their prop went off injured, and with the resultant uncontested scrummaging lost their major advantage.

Their persistence was rewarded by the final play of the game when they crossed out wide, but the score proved academic as Barry ran out 23-13 winners.

Barry travel to Llanharan this week. The lottery numbers are 7, 8, 22 and 24. No overall winner this week and prize increases to £3,150.

Team: Barros, Ryan, Perry, White, Robertson, Scott, Lee, Davies, Evans, Bowditch, G Jones, Miles, Moyle, Hadfield (c), H Jones. Replacements: Vidal, Replacements not used: Hall, Corson, Jones.

KC

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION

1:

Rhooose Social 10, Moors Boys 5; West End Runaways 6, Liberals 9; Cadoxton Cons 10, Wyndham Cons 5.

League table:

Cadoxton Cons 86, Rhooose Social 86, Wyndham Cons 83, West End 76, Liberals 75, West End Runaways 69, Moors Boys 65.

SKITTLES DIVISION

1:

Slammers 1, Sea View Exiles 6; Liberals A 2, Rhooosters 5; Rhooose Social B 0, Allsorts 7; Cambrian Flyers 2, Barries Boys 5; Rhooose Social A 1, Barry Town FC 6; West End C 5, Liberals C 2; West End D 1, Rhooose Social C 6; Rugby Club 4, King William XII 3.

League table: Barry

Town FC 53.0, Sea View Exiles 50.5, West End C 50.5, Allsorts 45.5, Rhooose Social A 43.5, Rhooosters 40.5, King William XII 40.0, Rhooose Social C 40.0, West End D 40.0, Rugby Club 36.5, Slammers 34.5, Liberals C 32.5, Liberals A 32.0, Rhooose Social B 25.0, Barries Boys 22.5, Cambrian Flyers 15.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION

1:

Wyndham Cons A 4, Market Street B 1; West End C 4, Rhooose Social B 1; Savoy A 5, Penarth Cons A 0; Liberators 2, Cadoxton Wildcats 3; Cadoxton Cons B 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4.

League table: Savoy

A 38, West End C 38, Cadoxton Cons Z 30, Wyndham Cons A 29, Cadoxton Cons B 28, Harbour B 28, Cadoxton Wildcats 23,

Penarth Cons A 22, Rhooose Social B 15, *Liberators 14, Market Street B 11.

SNOOKER DIVISION

2:

Cadoxton Cons A 4, Sully Sports A 1; Market Street C 3, West End A 2; Harbour A 2, Penarth Cons B 3; Services Social B 3, West End B 2.

League table:

Cadoxton Cons A 34, Penarth Cons B 34, Services Social B 31, Market Street C 30, Rhooose Social C 29, Savoy B 28, Harbour A 27, Wyndham Cons D 27, West End A 23, Sully Sports A 17, West End B 15 (* = points deducted).

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